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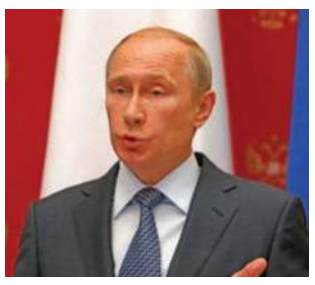

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The Lottery Commission rejected yesterday afternoon the application of Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. to develop a casino resort on Saipan, saying it did not deposit $30 million in escrow "on time" on May 5 as required by law. Marianas Stars' Cario Hon told *Saipan Tribune* last night, however, that they "wired the money before deadline."

Lottery Commission chair Sixto Igisomar said Best Sunshine International Ltd.'s application will be further considered and reviewed with the help of two consultants that the commission hired also yesterday.

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HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Lottery Commission chairman Sixto Igisomar, second from left, addresses fellow commissioners during a meeting on Capital Hill yesterday afternoon wherein the panel rejected one of the two applications for an exclusive Saipan casino license and approved the hiring of two consultants. From left, Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero, Igisomar, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, and Deputy Attorney General Gil Birnbrich.

CUC to CHCC: Don't insult our intelligence

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Commonwealth Utilities Corp. board chair David J. Sablan told the board Tuesday that he felt insulted by a statement made by the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. management at their recent meeting over the latter's utility debt.

"I got really angry when they [management] told us: 'What shall we do? Chase patients out in the streets?'…Please don't insult our intelligence because we know you will not do that. What we're asking you is to pay your bills and if you can't do [a conservation plan] internally then we will do it for you externally…because we will not jeopardize our future revenues [by] allowing you to continue consuming what you can't pay," Sablan told colleagues Tuesday as he recalled the conversation with CHCC executives.

» **Sablan: Disconnection of non-essential offices will depend on what CHC can't pay**

Sablan, along with CUC attorneys James Sirok and Michael White, met Monday with CHCC management led by CEO Esther Muna and corporation board trustees Pedro Dela Cruz and Roy Rios. Also present at the meeting was a lawyer for CHCC.

During Tuesday's CUC board meeting, Sablan said that CUC decided to give the CHCC a reprieve as a result of the commitment shown by Rios and Dela Cruz to resolve the issue with the utility agency.

"The two board members are in absolute agreement [with us] as they fully recognize the debts. And I pressed upon them that this is an issue of fairness. We have a major customer base being disconnected because they didn't pay and here is CHCC taking a free ride with CUC for two years? That's not fair," he said.

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CUC contracts to be scrutinized

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All contracts and future agreements that will be entered into by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for various services, including professional agreements, will now go through its board of directors for review and approval.

CHCC board chair David J. Sablan made this clear, saying it's the board's objective to ensure that all services to be sourced outside the agency are cost-effective for the corporation.

» 7 expiring agreements this year under board review

The newly revived board recently approved the execution of a six-year fuel contract with Mobil Oil after it identified distinct benefits to CUC and its customers.

Saipan Tribune learned that seven other expiring contracts are under review and assessment.

These include, among others, the $600,000 contract with Island Equipment Co., which supplies chlorine gas to Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, and whose term will expire on Aug. 10, 2014.

The board is also reviewing a $482,000 contract with Marianas Repair, which maintains the agency's fleet of vehicles. This contract will expire on Nov. 17, 2014.

The economists.com's contract with CUC, which amounts to $349,000, is also up for review. The company serves as the utility's rate consultant and its contract expires on July 18.

The contract of the Law Offices of Deborah Fisher, one of CUC's lawyers, is expiring this Nov. 23. The firm charges CUC $225,000.

A $105,000 contract with Joeten Motor Co. is also set for board review as the agreement expires this November.

The company that provides CUC on-land oil spill response services, Gresco Environmental, is also facing board review. Its $100,000 contract expires on July 19.

Another soon-to-expire contract is with Saipan Ice & Water Co. Inc. in August this year. The contract amounts to $64,000.

It was disclosed that the contract of the Law Office of Edward Manibusan, CUC's administrative hearing officer, expired on May 6. This amounts to $20,000.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, board chair Sablan emphasized the need to review all of the agency's existing contracts.

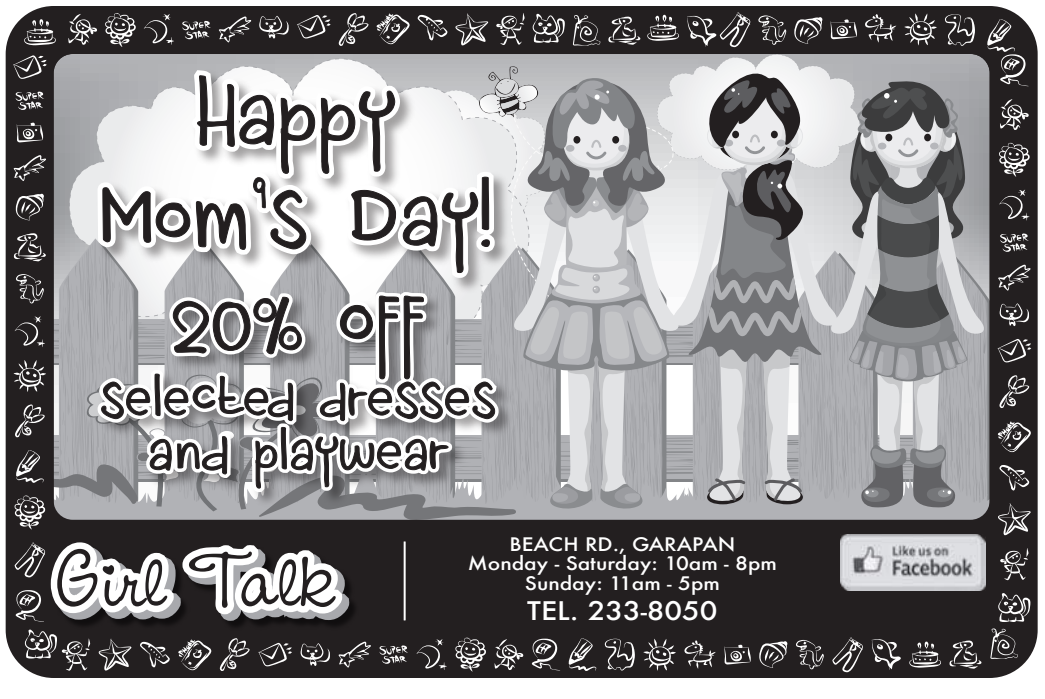
"We asked for the listing and details of all the contracts so we can look at them. The whole idea is to see whether we will need to extend or cancel [specific contracts]. Because generally speaking, we need to evaluate each one of them to see if we can do it inside [CUC]," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sablan assured that any cost-benefit analysis provided by the management will fully be assessed and reviewed by the board to come up with a sound decision.

Recently, the board tasked the agency's management to further study and assess the effectiveness of the corporation's existing call center service. This came about after finding out that CUC spends $15,000 a month to pay for the services, which was contracted out to private telecommunications firm IT&E. This is a two-year contract that costs $360,000.

Citing complaints from customers, the board ordered the management to develop a transition plan for the customer service area.

The IT&E contract is expiring on Nov. 28 this year. Under the agreement, the parties have the option to renew the contract for another year. The contract provides a 90-day notice of non-renewal or termination notice.



Tydingco-Gatewood rules Taisague received due process

The federal court has granted the CNMI government's motion to dismiss Jesus I. Taisague's claim for violation of due process in connection with his lawsuit against Gov. Eloy S. Inos and the Commonwealth government.

U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances M. Tydingco-Gatewood ruled that because Taisague had individual notice of the Betty Johnson's class action settlement and opted out of that settlement, he has received all process due.

Taisague argues that "none of the defendants gave personal or general notice to" him before reducing his pension benefits.

"But Taisague already had notice from the settlement agreement itself that the Commonwealth would reduce his benefits, even if he opted out—which he did in fact do," the judge pointed out.

Tydingco-Gatewood said this not to say that Taisague is bound by the prior settlement and he is not.

Taisague, she said, might have a colorable breach of contract claim under Commonwealth law, but he does not have a procedural due process claim.

Johnson's class action against the NMI Retirement Fund and the CNMI was ultimately settled, with the class receiving at least 75 percent of their pension payments.

Taisague opted out of that settlement.

Taisague, through counsel Ramon Quichocho, sued on his own behalf to recover 100 percent of his pension payments and his health insurance coverage.

The court previously dismissed part of Taisague's complaint.

The CNMI asked the court to dismiss the plaintiff's procedural due process claim.

Taisague's claim alleges that Inos and co-defendants withheld or caused to be withheld his pension benefits and that they never afforded him a hearing before appropriating his 25

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FOR NEW SY 2014-2015

$3.7M increase sought in PSS consolidated grant

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The Public School System wants a higher consolidated grant award next school year in order to expand PSS' technology program and to be able to hire more teachers.

Endorsed by the PSS leadership, the Board of Education recently approved the submission of a grant application that seeks a $3.7-million increase in the annual consolidated grant. PSS currently gets $8.6 million. With the new submission for school year 2014-2015, PSS will get $12.3 million if the new funding is approved.

Based on document obtained by *Saipan Tribune*, the proposed $12.3 million consolidated grant will be used for the following purposes:

- $700,000 for 21st century technology
- $650,000 for 18 class-size reduction teachers for secondary schools
- $1.1 million for expanded OJT programs at high schools
- $300,000 for summer schools and credit recovery courses
- $300,000 for early learning
- $645,000 for heroes to teachers with 29 FTEs
- $250,000 for student competitions
- $1.1 million for class size reduction teachers for elementary (26 FTEs)
- $2 million for school-wide programs
- $750,000 for 30 Title I teachers
- $803,000 for distance education courses
- $500,000 for laptops using the distributive network
- $220,000 for professional developments
- $756,000 for network computers and equipment
- $900,000 for assessments

In a presentation submitted to the Board of Education, PSS federal programs officer Tim Thornburgh indicated that the "SY 2014-2015 CG Plan is designed to provide students, their teachers, school leaders and parents with a resource-rich environment at every school that facilitates teaching and learning."

As of April this year, the $8.6 million consolidated grant for this fiscal year funds 88 full-time employees assigned to various PSS programs.

In fiscal year 2014, total federal grants approved for PSS is $32.192 million, including the $8.6 million consolidated grant from the U.S. Department of Education. Other federal programs under the auspices of the school system include Head Start, Special Education, Early Intervention, and School Breakfast and Lunch program, among others.

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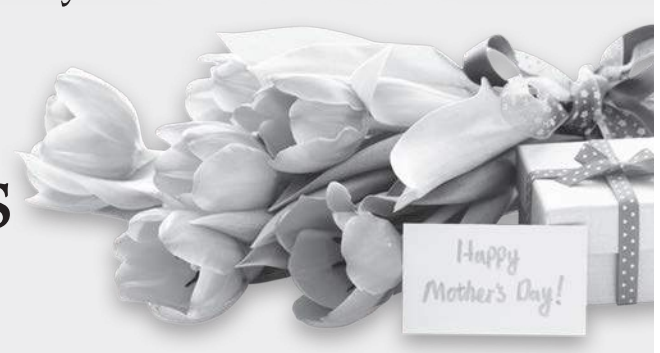

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DYS donates sports equipment to Kagman schools

JAYSON CAMACHO

Division of Youth Services administrator Vivian Sablan, second from left, Kagman Elementary School vice principal Peter Arriola, right, and Rep. Antonio R. Agulto, second from right, pose with KagES staff and Student Council representatives after the donation of sports equipment.

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The Department of Community and Cultural Affairs' Division of Youth Services recently donated sports equipment to schools in Kagman.

DYS donated various sports equipment to Kagman High School, Chacha Oceanview Junior High School, and to Kagman Elementary School.

The sports equipment included soccer balls, volleyballs, basketballs, basketball hoops, and other sports equipment.

The donation was made as part of a bigger campaign to promote child abuse and neglect prevention and to encourage physical fitness among the youth.

KagES Student Council president Kiana Camacho, 5th grade, said she felt glad and happy that DYS donated the sports equipment.

KagES STUCO vice president Jordan Towai, 5th grade, echoed Camacho's sentiment.

"I am glad they brought the equipment because we don't have the basketball equipment and we will start using the equipment soon," Towai said.

Rep. Antonio R. Agulto (Ind-Saipan) said that students from Kagman have been calling his office to ask for sports equipment for their schools.

"We committed an agency where they have this grant funding for the kids and I am glad that DYS has done this for the students," Agulto said.

DYS administrator Vivian Sablan said that DYS has been providing sports equipment as an additional outreach.

"We wanted to reach out to the students for both outreach and a second priority by providing them equipment to promote heath and physical fitness," Sablan said.

KagES staff presented Agulto with a certificate of appreciation and thanked DCCA-DYS for thinking of their school.

CASINO

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Best Sunshine will have a presentation before the Lottery Commission at 1:30pm on Tuesday, but this meeting is closed to the general public.

Prior to that, the commission will meet with the two consultants at 10am on Monday. They are casino investigator B2G Global Strategies out of California, and gaming development consultant The Innovation Group out of Florida. The contracts are expected to be finalized before that presentation.

Both consultants have dealt with entities based in and outside of the United States, including those in Macau and Hong Kong. Best Sunshine and Marianas Stars are part of entities based in Hong Kong, among other things.

Igisomar, meanwhile, said the earlier "assumption" from the administration may have been that the submission of the two business plans on time on May 5 meant that each of the two applicants also deposited $30 million in an independent escrow on time.

"…but after further review from the commission, there was no money; the money was not actually there," Igisomar told reporters on Capital Hill.

When pressed whether the $30 million came in at a later time, Igisomar said, "Right now, there's one applicant we're reviewing, and that's the applicant that satisfied the business plan and $30 million [deposit]." But he said Marianas Stars submitted their business plan on time.

Marianas Stars' Hon, however, said the Lottery Commission's "conclusion" is "incorrect."

"We wired the money before deadline," Hon said in a phone interview.

He added that Marianas Stars was "shocked" to learn from the media yesterday afternoon about the commission's rejection of their application.

Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. is partly owned by Mega Stars Overseas, the new owner of Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino. Hon is chief executive officer of Mega Stars.

The $30-million deposit, if a license is approved, will be the source of funding to restore CNMI retirees' deferred 25 percent pension, among other things.

Best Sunshine is a subsidiary of First Natural Foods Holdings, while Marianas Stars is under Chinese Strategic Holdings.

Consultants hired

Igisomar said the commission also sought guidance and references from the Federal Bureau of Investigation in seeking out consultants needed.

"We wanted background in Federal Bureau of Investigation and relationship with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in casino development. We're looking for parties with broad casino resort development experience, that's why we specifically sought out [these firms and got their proposals]. It wasn't a broad open application process," said counsel Jim Stump.

The commission approved negotiating a consultant contract for casino investigator B2G Global Strategies, a California-based international consulting firm specializing in private investigations, background screening and security consulting, policy guidance and strategic solutions for the business sector in the U.S., Latin America, Europe, and Asia.

In its business prospectus, B2G Global Strategies says its principals have over 200 years of collective experience, extensive international investigations experience, and wide-ranging experience in federal law enforcement, regulatory compliance, and corporate security.

Among B2G Global Strategies' principals are former Nevada Gaming Commission member and practicing attorney Frank Schreck; former U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration administrator and former U.S. attorney Asa Hutchinson; and former FBI special agent and former FBI Congressional Affairs Office liaison officer Tim McNally.

Completing the list of B2G's principals are Arturo Alemany, a consultant for Fortune 500 companies including technology companies that specialize in South American gaming industry; former FBI special agent in charge Steven Gomez, who headed the FBI's Counterterrorism Division in the Los Angeles, California field office; and Lisa Garcia, founder of an international investigations-fraud and risk mitigation consulting business H. Garcia & Associates and also formerly with the FBI and DEA.

Two to three of B2G's principals are expected to be on Saipan in the next few days, including McNally and Garcia.

The four-member Lottery Commission also approved a gaming consultant contract negotiation with The Innovation Group, a Florida-based provider of consulting and management services for gaming, hospitality, leisure, and entertainment industries.

Steve Rittvo, chief executive officer of The Innovation Group, told the governor in an April 30 letter that they have assembled a team of experienced staff spanning construction and development, operations, and marketing experience in gaming resorts, and leisure industry investment banking to meet the project needs.

"We believe with this team and our experience in Asia in working on private and governmental sides of integrated resort development, positions us uniquely to assist the Commonwealth," he said.

No guarantee

The Lottery Commission started its meeting at 1:43pm with the four commissioners present—chairman Igisomar, who is the Department of Commerce secretary; Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson; Department of Public Safety Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero; and Deputy Attorney General Gil Birnbrich.

Also present were assistant attorney general Reena Patel and counsel Jim Stump.

DPS' Deleon Guerrero made a motion to reject Marianas Stars' application for failing to comply with Section 106 of Public Law 18-38, as amended, or the casino law. Birnbrich seconded the motion. All four approved the rejection.

Igisomar said although there's only one applicant now—Best Sunshine—that is not a guarantee that it will be granted the exclusive Saipan casino license because its application and business plan still have to be scrutinized by the commission with the help of the consultants.

Public comment

Only at least three members of the general public showed up, besides the media, at the commission meeting.

Russell Schow, executive director of the Marianas Research and Development Foundation, was the only one that made a public comment, reminding the commission to be careful in reviewing and selecting applicants because of their possible ties to triads.

Schow also said the commission should take into consideration whether Saipan has the road, airport, hospital, and law enforcement infrastructure and resources to deal with a huge casino investment.

TYDINGCO

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percent benefits.

In her order, Tydingco-Gatewood said Taisague presents no compelling arguments in his opposition.

Tydingco-Gatewood said that with class actions, procedural due process is satisfied where "an absent plaintiff [is] provided with an opportunity to remove himself from the class by executing and returning an 'opt-out' or 'request for exclusion' form to the court.

"Here, Taisague had individual notice of this settlement: he opted out. So no procedural due process claim is plausible," the judge said. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

CUC

From Page 1

At that Monday meeting with CHCC representatives, CUC rejected outright the hospital corporation's offer to pay CUC $325,000 a month. This amount, *Saipan Tribune* learned, is some $200,000 lower than what the hospital consumes every month, based on its latest billing of $539,000.

"They have 25 accounts with us and we already know how much each account is consuming. We will prioritize disconnection to those non-essential services. The disconnection will equate what they can't pay. Meaning, if they can pay only $325,000, then we will go down to that dollar level," Sablan said.

This means essential units like operating rooms, pharmacy, morgue, and other critical sections will remain open, he said.

"[As part of their conservation plan], they can close down some [administrative] offices and put people together in one room, they can turn off lights and ACs when not in use, and there are buildings where they can check too," Sablan told colleagues.

Immediate disconnection

Sablan instructed CUC counsel Sirok to formally write CHCC, memorializing what transpired at the May 6 meeting.

At the same time, the CUC management was given marching orders to immediately disconnect CHCC's non-essential accounts if it fails to pay its monthly billing in full. The order starts after June 30.

"If they pay 100 percent by June [for the May billing], they will get a reprieve for the next month. If current again, another month of reprieve for them," Sablan said, adding that the 90-day reprieve is with the condition that CHCC will remain current in its monthly bills.

If not, meters will be turned off in offices, waiting rooms, and other non-critical units to help lower the hospital's monthly usage down to what it can afford to pay, he added.

CHCC owes the utility agency $11.901 million: $10.675 million for electrical, water, and wastewater services and $1.226 million in accrued late charges. Late charges continue to accrue on the accounts at a rate of 1 percent per month.

It was earlier revealed that CHCC receivables account for 52 percent of CUC's total receivables from government customers, and approximately 43 percent of all accounts receivable across all customer groups.

'DOC has policies to account for tools that can be used as weapons'

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The Department of Corrections has policies in place to account for all tools and other items that can be used as weapons, according to assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan and U.S. Department of Justice trial attorney Jeffrey R. Murray.

Sablan, as counsel for the CNMI government, and Murray, as counsel for the U.S. government, filed recently in the U.S. District Court for the NMI a final report supporting a joint motion that seeks the termination of a consent decree that the Commonwealth forged with DOJ 15 years ago to enhance prison conditions in the CNMI.

In that final report, Sablan and Murray stated, among other things, that the Commonwealth is in substantial compliance with the safety and protection from harm section.

On Sunday, Gerald Sablan, an inmate serving a life sentence for kidnapping and attempted murder, reportedly stabbed a female visitor with a toothbrush at the prison's visitation area. The victim was injured and taken to the Commonwealth Health Center.

DOC confirmed the alleged attack. It was not clear how Sablan managed to bring a toothbrush into the visitation area.

DOC refused to release more details, saying the issue is still under investigation by both the Department of Public Safety and DOC.

DPS has yet to release information about the incident.

On Tuesday, DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* that DPS is currently investigating the incident in coordination with the Criminal Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

In the CNMI's and DOJ's final report, Sablan and Murray stated that the requisite mechanisms are in place to ensure adequate supervision of inmates.

"The facilities have video-monitoring in central command units, officers are equipped with radios that connect to the central command unit, and the perimeters of the facilities are secured," the two lawyers said.

Sablan and Murray filed the final consent decree report pursuant to Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona's order that directed them to file the report.

Manglona will hear on May 15, 2014, the motion to terminate the consent decree.

Last Jan. 27, Sablan and Murray informed the court that the Commonwealth has fulfilled its obligations under the consent decree. Sablan and Murray said the parties both agree that the CNMI "is in compliance with the requirements of the consent decree."

Sablan and Murray agreed that an evidentiary hearing is not necessary because the U.S. government does not oppose the termination of the consent decree.

In 1978, the U.S. government investigated the CNMI's adult and juvenile detention facilities. It then filed a lawsuit against the CNMI on Feb. 23, 1999. Two days later, DOJ and the CNMI entered into a consent decree.

The purpose of the consent decree was to improve the conditions of the CNMI's detention institutions that were deemed to violate the civil rights of those detained at the facilities, and to safeguard against future violations.

The CNMI was forced to build the adult prison in Susupe under the consent decree. Construction of the new prison in Susupe began in 2002 with an initial cost of about $17 million that later ballooned to $20.9 million. The new prison opened in 2008.

The construction of the Juvenile Detention Unit was completed and opened for occupancy in 2004.

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Serenity Salon & Spa is offering more than 10 special promos for Mother's Day, from special packages to other promo packages.

According to Pinky Antonino, Serenity will offer salon services as well as spa services including massage, body scrub, hair treatment, waxing, nail care, and non-surgical liposuction with free anti-aging facials.

Priced packages range from $80 to $100 while special packages range from $100 to $900 for special sessions.

"Packages also can be purchased as gift certificates to give to their mothers," Antonino said.

The gift certificates can last up to three months. Although they can avail of the services anytime, Antonino said they have a choice to divide the services under the package.

"It's up to them to divide it if they want to do separate treatments on separate days," she said.

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According to Antonino, people can save a lot from the promo. Prices usually range above $100 but customers will receive high standards of services.

"The promotions from last year was different, because this time they get to choose different types of packages and may avail the full or just a part of it," Antonino said.

Last year, not all women wanted the full package but only some parts of it, Antonino said, which led them to coming up with different promo packages this year.

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FHB report: Saipan sales volume up 11.25 percent

GUALO RAI, Saipan—First Hawaiian Bank's first quarter 2014 Business Activity Report for Saipan showed an 11.25-percent increase for "same store sales" over 2013, according to Laura Dacanay, First Hawaiian Bank senior vice president and CNMI region manager.

"This is the 10th consecutive quarter of positive growth since fourth quarter 2011," said Dacanay. "Seven of the 11 sectors posted double digit increases with Home Improvement 27.31 percent leading the way. It was only the second time Home Improvement has made the top of the list since first quarter 2010. With the economy improving, we are seeing consumer confidence returning, which has helped create more market activity."

The BAR monitors tracks card sales activity in 11 different economic sectors including retail, hotels, home improvement, restaurants, shipping and travel activities, among others. First Hawaiian's Saipan BAR provides a broad measure of economic activity.

First Hawaiian is a major card processor of debit and credit sales transactions. In 2013, the bank processed over $4.4 billion worth of credit and debit sales transactions. The bank provides merchant services to nearly 7,000 First Hawaiian Bank merchant locations throughout Hawaii, Guam, CNMI, and the U.S. mainland. ***(FHB)***

Janet Maratita declares senatorial candidacy

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Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan) declared yesterday her intention to run for a Senate seat representing Saipan in the November elections, becoming the fourth to declare a candidacy for the post since the start of the year. She made the announcement in the presence of her family, friends, and supporters at the Konbetsa Cafe in Dandan at past 5pm yesterday.

Maratita, whose taxpayers' lawsuit against then governor Benigno R. Fitial's signing of a sole-sourced, $190-million power purchase agreement prevailed, said she will continue to be "a leader who stands for and with the people."

The 52-year-old mother of five was one of the lawmakers who co-authored two House impeachment resolutions against Fitial; the second succeeded.

"Anti-corruption, bring back public confidence in government, ensure there's justice and better quality [of life] for everyone," said Maratita, who will run for a Senate seat as an independent.

After serving three terms as a member of the House of Representatives representing Precinct 1, Maratita said she's ready to serve in another capacity but with the same dedication to "serve the public."

"The people of Saipan need to be represented well in the Senate, with Senator [Pete] Reyes retiring and Senator [Ralph] Torres running for lieutenant governor…" she said. If successful, Maratita said she will accept the chairmanship of any committee, including health and education.

Jack Palacios is chairman of the Committee to Elect Janet Maratita as Senator. The team has gathered hundreds of petition signatures for Maratita's candidacy.

Also present at Maratita's announcement was Saipan mayoral candidate Ramon B. Camacho. The youth members of the Maratita campaign later did a road waving in front of Konbetsa Café.

Besides Maratita, the three other Saipan senatorial candidates are Department of Lands and Natural Resources Secretary Arnold I. Palacios and former Public Lands secretary/ former House speaker Oscar M. Babauta, both from the Republican Party, and former representative Justo Quitugua, also an independent.

Rep. Janet Maratita (Ind-Saipan), right, waves at passing motorists in front of Konbetsa Kafe in Dandan yesterday afternoon, shortly after declaring her candidacy for a Senate seat representing Saipan this November election. Also in photo is Jack Palacios, center, chairman of the Committee to Elect Janet Maratita as Senator.

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Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino donates $5,000 that was raised during last week's annual San Jose Fiesta to the Tinian San Jose Catholic Church on May 8, 2014. From left, Tinian Mayor's Office senior adviser Jose M. Dela Cruz, TDHC General Affairs manager Vicente H. Borja, acting mayor Antonio SN Borja, TDHC general manager Tom Liu, Rev. Father Jesse T. Reyes, pastor of Tinian San Jose Catholic Church; TDHC assistant financial comptroller Luisa Bayun, Tinian Parish Council chair Manny P. Villagomez, and TDHC executive sous chef Ramon Apostol.

Mt. Carmel set for 'Little Mermaid Jr.'

Mount Carmel School Theatre Club is all set for its two-day special show of *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, slated for today and tomorrow at the school's stage.

The *The Little Mermaid Jr.* is a 60-minute musical based on the 2008 Broadway production and the 1989 animated Disney film. This will be MCS Theatre Club's first production to feature the singing, dancing, and acting talents of students from first to 12th grade.

Junior student Aysia Santos, who is the show's director, said that leading the production was difficult but rewarding.

"It was hard transitioning from being the stage manager to being the director, but I had a good stage manager in Jackie Doctor, so it was easier. I'm glad that everyone came together to bring this show and my vision to life. It's going to be a great show!" said Santos.

MCS president and Theatre Club adviser Galvin Deleon Guerrero shares Santos' enthusiasm.

"This is a great show for the whole family. It has all the original songs from the movie that everyone can probably sing by heart, plus three new songs added just for the Broadway musical version," he said.

Disney's *The Little Mermaid* takes place in a magical kingdom beneath the sea, where a beautiful young mermaid named Ariel longs to leave her ocean home to live in the world above. But first she'll have to defy her father, the king of the sea, escape the clutches of an evil sea witch, and convince a prince that she's the girl with the perfect voice.

Based on the Hans Christian Andersen story, the show's creative credits include music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, and book by Doug Wright, with music adapted and arranged by David Weinstein.

The Little Mermaid Jr. is presented via a special arrangement with all authorized materials supplied by Music Theatre International.

Admission to the show is $10 for preferred seating and $5 for general seating. Tickets are available at the school's Business Office or at the door. The show runs tonight and tomorrow night at Mount Carmel School with doors opening at 6:30pm each night.

The Theatre Club is staging the show on the school's historic stage where the CNMI Covenant and Constitution were signed. It will be dedicating a portion of ticket proceeds to the "Save the Stage" campaign. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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Fitial submits off-island itinerary

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Former governor Benigno R. Fitial has informed the Superior Court of his off-island travel itinerary, in compliance with Associate Judge David A. Wiseman's pre-trial release conditions.

Fitial, through counsel Stephen J. Nutting, filed on Wednesday his itinerary along with his contact information.

The governor gave the court the phone numbers of his wife Josie, Josie's sister Violeta P. Che, and Nutting.

Fitial said his wife, Che, and Nutting are aware of his whereabouts while he is off-island.

Fitial left the CNMI for the Philippines on Wednesday, reportedly to see his doctor for his medical rehabilitation.

According to the travel itinerary, the former governor will be leaving Manila, Philippines for Taipei on Saturday, May 10, 2014. From Taipei he will proceed to Los Angeles, California. He will then leave Los Angeles for Taipei and back to Manila on May 26, 2014.

Fitial earlier told reporters that after his treatment in the Philippines, he will proceed to the U.S. mainland to attend his youngest son's graduation from San Diego State on May 16, 2014.

In his pre-trial order, Wiseman said that Fitial is barred from leaving the CNMI without the court's permission. He required Fitial to give the court a copy of his itinerary and at least three contacts who have knowledge of his whereabouts in the Philippines and who can contact him, if necessary.

Fitial earlier pleaded not guilty to 10 criminal charges filed against him by the CNMI government.

Wiseman set a case management conference either on July 8 or 9, 2014. Fitial does not need to personally attend the case management conference. The information charged the 68-year-old Fitial with one count of solicitation of escape, five counts of misconduct in public office, one count of conspiracy to commit escape, one count of use of public position to obtain benefits for business or social acquaintances, one count of conspiracy to commit theft of services, and one count of theft of services.

The charges were related to the unauthorized release of a federal inmate, award of a sole-source American Recovery and Reinvestment Act contract, and shielding of former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham from being served with penal summons.

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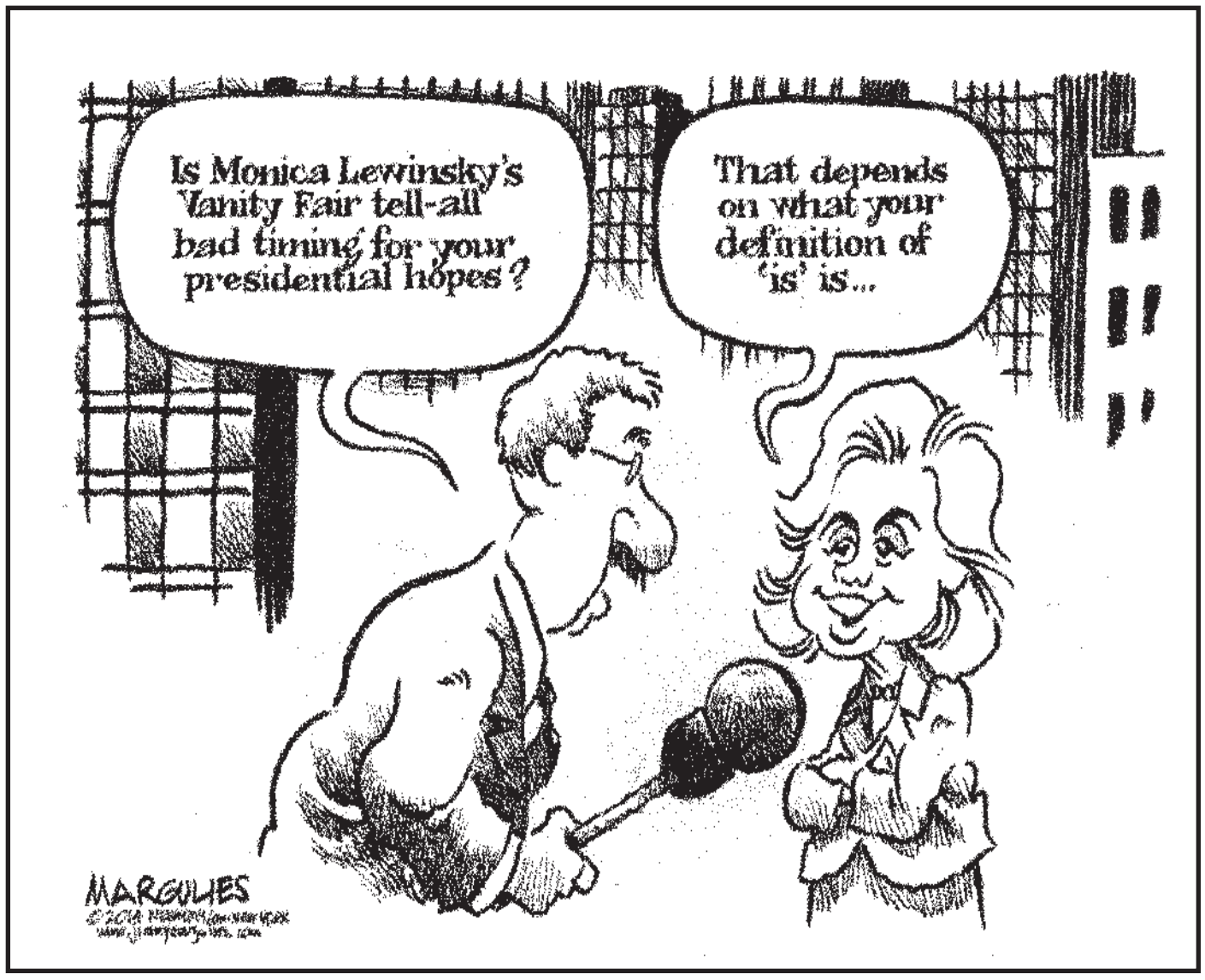
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EDITORIAL

Global pressure amplifies Nigerian parents' plea

It wasn't the first time or the last. It was only the most brazen.

Armed terrorists stormed a boarding school in northern Nigeria on April 14, rousting hundreds of girls from their beds at gunpoint and hauling them away on trucks.

"I abducted your girls," Adubakar Shekau, the leader of the militant Islamist sect Boko Haram, said in a videotaped statement almost three weeks later. "I will sell them on the market, by Allah."

Smaller raids have been going on for at least a year, including one on another school in February in which 30 to 40 girls were seized, according to Amnesty International. As worldwide protests demanded the return of the 276 missing since April, another eight were grabbed from their homes overnight Tuesday.

Shekau said the girls, most of them 15 to 18, would be sold as "wives." Sex slaves, in other words.

Westerners are aghast. Nigeria's government, not so much. The girls' families say security forces have never reached out to them and that there are no visible signs of a military search, even around known Boko Haram strongholds.

Those complaints ring true. How else could a convoy large enough to carry hundreds of prisoners simply disappear?

From afar, it looks like the government's role has been to tally the missing: First reported as "dozens," the number was revised down to eight within two days, then started climbing after angry contradictions from parents and the school's principal. As of Tuesday, it stood at 276. Another 53 had escaped.

On Sunday, almost three weeks after the girls disappeared, President Goodluck Jonathan tried to quiet rising global outrage by publicly pledging that the girls would be rescued—even as he admitted he didn't have a clue where to find them.

He complained that the girls' families aren't cooperating, saying police don't know the names of all of the missing. It's the sort of dissembling response Nigerian villagers have come to expect from their government in dealing with Boko Haram.

The sect's name is local shorthand for "Western education is sinful;" its much longer name, in Arabic, means "People Committed to the Propagation of the Prophet's Teachings and Jihad." Its goal is to create an Islamic state in northeastern Nigeria.

Any activity associated with Western society is forbidden. Wearing nontraditional garb. Voting. Vices such as alcohol, tobacco and soccer. Attending a secular school—especially for females. "Girls, you should go and get married," Shekau said in the video.

Founded in 2002 by cleric Mohammed Yusuf, Boko Haram carried out a rash of attacks on churches, schools, banks and government buildings before police seized its headquarters in July 2009. Hundreds of fighters were jailed; Yusuf was killed and his body displayed on television.

The group signaled its resurgence with a dramatic prison break in 2010, and more attacks followed. In 2011, a U.S. congressional report linked Boko Haram to al-Qaida. The group's targets have included soldiers, politicians and Christians, along with Muslims who are believed to be aligned with the government.

Villagers say the Nigerian security forces often show up after

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Ma's Day

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Just when I finally welcomed the awe in soaring to the heights of transcendence, the fearless descent into the profound depth of my bottomless abyss, and the embrace of the social breath of the soul, the dexterity of my fingers decided to quit, making it a difficult to open and close an ordinary zip lock bag! Welcome to the world of aging, a level of consciousness quite a bit lower than spirit angels.

I am more than a score away from mother's age of 94, consigned to a ward for the elderly at a Kuakini in Honolulu, being cared for a skeletal medical dysfunction made fragile after a loss of balance that brought her to ER. She is no longer ambulatory but the graciousness of the smile on her face, a feature I was told was now partly mine, and the clarity of a mind that still can handle printed words, can only be the source of wonder, albeit with a bit of resentment that life gives us so much wealth of sensual awareness and skill at the start with semblances of smarts, and reverses the volume of each at the end.

Mother now inquires if anyone saw her husband who had not visited her in a week and might have wandered off again into the night. He occupies his share of their Mililani Memorial plot; has been since 2006.

We always hear of how human existence is wasted on the young, unappreciative of all its wonders and recklessly exposing it to careless adventures that often nip the bud of living at a tender age. On the other hand, the wisdom of experience and age accumulates in heaps that unless one organizes layers of memory, we often accuse the elderly of losing their mind. It now shows that loss of brainpower is not the case, but speed in accessing the internal database, by current research, slows down as the search engine is distracted by many other pieces of data.

The fading dexterity of my fingers is equaled by the difficulty of rising back up on the sole power of haunches without the assistance of crutches when getting down seem to come with ease. But it is in the chastity of the mind about knowing, doing, and being one thing that remains a constant challenge. Diversity of options is distracting. How many of us "retirees" understand how busy we seem to be all day, and after sun down, if honest, do not remember if we accomplished anything at all, save possibly played Russian roulette with our house keys that seem to have a knack at showing up in many different places?

Mother today will most likely be haunted again by the anger that developed in the first six years of her life. She did not know her father, a young man from a poor farmer family who had the misfortune of siring her with the daughter of an uppity family that withheld blessings of matrimony. Doomed in serfdom, her father hightailed it to the United States without knowledge that another child was on deposit. The forsaken lass took to her bed in despair and died while giving birth, my mother attending at a young age to a colic brother who added a digit to the statistics on infant mortality before he was 2.

My mother, a girl in a patriarchal ambience, was ignored or taken for granted while an older brother got all the schooling. He became a member of the Philippine Scouts who proved himself worthy alongside MacArthur's grunts in the Bataan March.

Mom's perseverance got her to join an aunt in Manila with the intent to enter Union College near the Philippine Women's University. General Tojo of Japan was at the time dreaming of Asian Co-Prosperity Sphere. My devout Catholic mother noticed and responded to a poor Protestant theology student next door, 7 years her senior, who fell for her charms, rather than entertain the imperial officers' leers in her aunt's Jaladoni household in Ermita, Manila.

Mother' maternal grandmother raised her until she died; by the time she was 12, she was an orphan shunted from one relative to another. As was customary, the head male in the family held real estate titles. Her grandmother handed her land titles in her grandfather's name. A trusting heart juvenile, she handed them for safekeeping to one of her uncles who named his son the same as Mom's grandpa. No need to spell out the details of what followed later when she tried to redeem the titles.

Though she married a forgiving parson, my mother retained a black blot in her heart for kin, so much so that my siblings and I became familiar with our paternal lineage's woofs, warts and woes, but on our Ravelo side, mother wanted us to know only what she thought was the good side.

Mother's Day is now a day for roses and chocolate as matriarchs head the tables in restaurants. I am partial to mother because when my father left to pursue graduate school while I was barely 10, mother's touch rather than papa's words formed my persona's mold.

Mama at Kuakini Hospital in Alohaland is the *lei'd wahine* of my heart this weekend, albeit from quite a distance. Let everyone who can give their mother a hug, and the day off Sunday from the kitchen and the mop. I will light a votive candle for mine.

The language gap

By ED STEPHENS
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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With another graduation season in the pipeline we can expect the usual uptick in platitudes. I'm going to slump down in my beach chair, though, and look at one thing that's not very platitudinous. Namely, I'm going to look at the one glaring gap in the armor my peers and I had when we were launched into the world.

The gap? Language. By which I mean the foreign type.

Before I jump into this gap, let me note that, as usual, I am eating a cheeseburger as I hunker down in the shade here, so I can't spare a finger to wag at you or at anyone else. I'm not a finger-wagger, and I'm not trying to tell any students what they should or shouldn't do. I've got no idea what you should do, other than keeping your greasy mitts off of my French fries.

I'm just pondering how my pals and I got caught flat-footed on the language front. I'm also wondering if that situation has changed, notably regarding Asian languages. As we'll see, apparently it has not changed much.

In high school we could study any language we wanted, as long as it was French, German, or Spanish.

Eventually, though, after a decade in the real world, my peers were often scrambling to learn Japanese, Korean, or, more recently, Mandarin Chinese.

For the sake of context, I'll note that the U.S., China, and Japan are the world's largest economies, with Germany, France, and the U.K. coming next.

If you want to look at things slightly differently, I'll note that as a bloc, the European Union is the world's largest economy, slightly bigger than the U.S.

Anyway, Americans, to the extent they care about foreign languages at all, are decidedly not enthusiastic about the Asian direction. In fact, this isn't just a language gap; it's a more like a language grand canyon.

The data I've got at hand is a few years old. If I can find anything more recent I'll pass it along, but for now I'll serve what I've got available.

Here's how it shakes out: Just one out of every 288 public school (K-12) students was studying an Asian language as of the 2007-2008 school year.

That's based on some data published by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages in a 2011 report. I massaged this data a little because only Japanese and Chinese were broken out into national estimates, so I applied, very roughly, some other data regarding other Asian languages.

But there's no need to pick nits here. The gist of the gig is the same no matter what. One out of 288 is such a small number that I'll walk you through some figures from the report just for a basic sanity check. Or maybe just for kicks. It's pretty interesting stuff.

Overall, only 18.5 percent of U.S. K-12 public school students were enrolled in foreign language courses at all. And, of those enrolled in such courses, fully 72 percent opted for Spanish. A very distant second was French at 14 percent. So these two languages held 86 percent of foreign language enrollment between them. No other language even hit the 5 percent level, so the salami gets sliced thin at this point.

And, in the case of the Asian languages, it's paper-thin. Japanese was about 0.8 percent and Chinese was under 0.7 percent, and they added up to 1.49 percent. I then added a bit (again, a rough estimate) to account for other languages (Korean, etc.), but the total for Asian languages still came to less than 2 percent. Applying this to the overall student population, not just that slice of it taking a foreign language, is how I came up with just one student out of 288.

So even if enrollment rates have taken big leaps lately, they're jumping from such a small base they're not going to wiggle the needle much.

In fact, the numbers are so small they don't even seem possible, pretty much like my checking account balance. I feel like a guy who is stepping into a crosswalk, looking to the left for traffic while a bus is coming at me from the right; I have an uneasy feeling but I don't actually see anything amiss.

But until I get run over by some corrective revelation, I'm going to reckon that there's a pretty big language gap straddling the Pacific.

The Pacific's big gears all mesh right here on Saipan, so the islands have a front row seat to the action. Overall, for the ambitious, does the language gap present an opportunity? That's a topic for a different day, but it's something that will come to mind as graduation season feeds new people into the job market.

Ooops! More questions

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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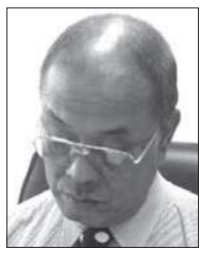

Out of curiosity, it would be prudent for the Lottery Commission to inform the community that in fact the $2 million in security deposit is in one of the local FDIC banks. Is the $2 million intact or is it only $1 million? Information, please!

Furthermore, is the $60 million license fee ($30 million per applicant) deposited in local FDIC bank here? Or was the deposit placed in an escrow account outside of Saipan? Is this legally permissible under the casino law? Has the Lottery Commission done due diligence to ensure both the security deposit and funds for license fee are in fact in local FDIC banks here?

Does the Lottery Commission have an understanding what hard and soft count entails? Why bring casino experts from Macau when its industry is infested with organized crime? Would not this be the wrong foot commencing casino gaming industry in a fragile island community?

Is this the legacy of the Inos administration, the permanent introduction of organized crime into the island? This we must stop at all cost!

Realistic study of market

Often out of ignorance, we boast of things without actually studying the global market for the latest trend, e.g., tourists headed to the U.S. and Europe. In fact, it is this supposed market we should be guarding full press court if only to see if there's any future in it. Is there a future with Chinese tourists flocking to the planned casino here? The lack of foresight and a set of fully thought out plan turn most of what we undertake into a pipedream or waste.

Consider the following from an AP business story of May 6:

■ The number of Chinese visitors to America jumped 23 percent last year to 1.8 million. And the Chinese spend an average of about $6,000 a visit—more than tourists from any other country. "Shopping is the No. 1 activity for Chinese tourists," says Jolin Zhou of Sunshine Travel, a Boston travel agency that specializes in Chinese tourists.

■ Chinese investment in U.S. businesses, factories and real estate—tangible things, not including stocks, bonds and other financial instruments—has gone from virtually nothing a decade ago to $14 billion last year, according to the Rhodium Group, a consultancy. More than 70,000 Americans work at Chinese companies in the United States, up from almost none in 2000.

■ U.S. exports of goods to China have doubled since 2006 to a record $122 billion last year. In 2013, U.S. companies earned a record $9.7 billion in China.

"Shopping is the No. 1 activity for Chinese tourists," not gambling! Otherwise, they would stop by Macau, Singapore, the Philippines, and South Korea or Vegas and Atlantic City. They're out in shopping malls all over the country.

Imagine if Guam's open for this group of tourists. Hardly anybody would come to the CNMI given that Guam has more shopping places where they could explore the latest in modern clothing, jewelry, etc. We'd be stuck dead in our filthy casino sweeping the entire place 24 times a day just to look employed while quizzing if there's a paycheck coming.

Welcoming organized crime

It is clear that the CNMI is broke or bankrupt. The bad economy kills the ability of families to live decently and it isn't going to get better any time soon. In fact, it's going to get far worse.

Greed and shortsighted policies eventually beget a deeper hole in bankruptcy.

Furthermore, it goes to show what happens when an important issue is approved hastily or in a hurry. There's fear of the voice of "we the people" and so the boys had to quickly tiptoe between chambers to get it approved and signed into law in the dark hours of the night. What grand conspiracy!

Now, they are using retirees to support their proposal so the 25-percent pension pay cut could be paid. Wasn't casino about revenue generation and not about retirees? The 25-percent cut is a government debt that must be paid. The source of funds for this purpose isn't an issue or inconsequential. So please don't use the hardship of retirees as a reason for your shallow casino law.

And please stop lying to the people. Like Buddy Magoo once chimed, "Iku, tell da true *lai*!"

Overkill on retirees

So much focus is placed on the fate of retirees as to ignore the needs of the majority. What about non-retirees or active workers who no longer could look forward to retirement? Eh, this group comprises a huge number of folks who work as teachers, police officers, doctors and nurses, social workers, etc. Is their future only good for the birds?

This group is composed of 52 percent underemployed, meaning their jobs pay federal poverty income level salaries. Has suspect leadership done anything over recent past to bring up salaries to help families deal or ease high power bills, increase in basic goods, high health insurance cost, while literally struggling to pay for the first family home?

I'm sure that if our public officials look at these needs even momentarily, they'd begin thinking out loud, "Lami lai, I sorry boocuz I don't geebin` dis one good rookin'". Eh, suckers, could you please settle down and use your cranium? Otherwise, your already fossilized brains could turn into rusty metal! Would you believe that even the powerful detergent "leyisleche" couldn't peel off the rust on your skull?

It's raw humor but had to be done to jolt some sense into the often-skipped land of simple common sense. Anyway, I fully trust in the strength of our people to keep their heads high, hard the times may be. Sign the petition to repeal the casino law. Let's show the "Lulu` Boys" on the hill that "we the people" haven't given up what's ours, ever mindful of the future of our children.

GLOBAL

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the violence is over and don't bother to investigate. They also accuse police of extrajudicial executions of suspected Boko Haram sympathizers. Human Rights Watch has said the military kills almost as many as Boko Haram. Nigerians are afraid of both.

They have little faith in the government's commitment to finding their missing children.

So they've taken to the streets, and to the Internet, to plead for international help. On Tuesday, the White House said it was sending a team to advise Nigerian security forces on intelligence, investigations and hostage negotiations, an approach that hopefully underscores the message that Nigeria's government needs to step up.

Social media can magnify that message, especially now. It's a safe bet that Boko Haram isn't watching #BringBackOurGirls trend on Twitter, but the Nigerian government is keenly aware that the world is watching.

From Wednesday through Friday, Abuja hosts a World Economic Forum for Africa, meant to showcase the country's potential for foreign investment. Oil-rich Nigeria is the largest economy on a continent ripe with opportunity.

That picture is sure to be marred by protests over the still-missing girls. Who wants to invest in a lawless country whose government responds passively to the mass abduction of hundreds of children?

"Wherever these girls are, we'll get them out," the nation's president said, three weeks after they disappeared. He hasn't given anyone a reason to believe him.

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LITERARY NOOK

Dreading Time

The old kitchen clock hangs on the wall
Seeing us waiting, yearning, wishing for it all

The clock strikes five and our hearts start to race
Might be time to put on a happy face

The clock strikes six and we plug in the refrigerator
Hoping the next sounds will be a motivator

The clock strikes eight and we hear our stomachs growling
While listening to the dogs outside howling

The clock strikes ten and tears roll down my face
All the shame and sadness is such a disgrace

The clock strikes midnight and rouses us from our sleep
The younger boy says, "It's okay, here's something to eat."

The clock continues to tick as he tries to feed us
The uneaten school lunch, now all mushed to pieces

The clock strikes two and we go back to bed
The clock has stopped moving, it's probably dead.

—From a family member of an addict

The Weather

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲89° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°	▲88° ▼77°

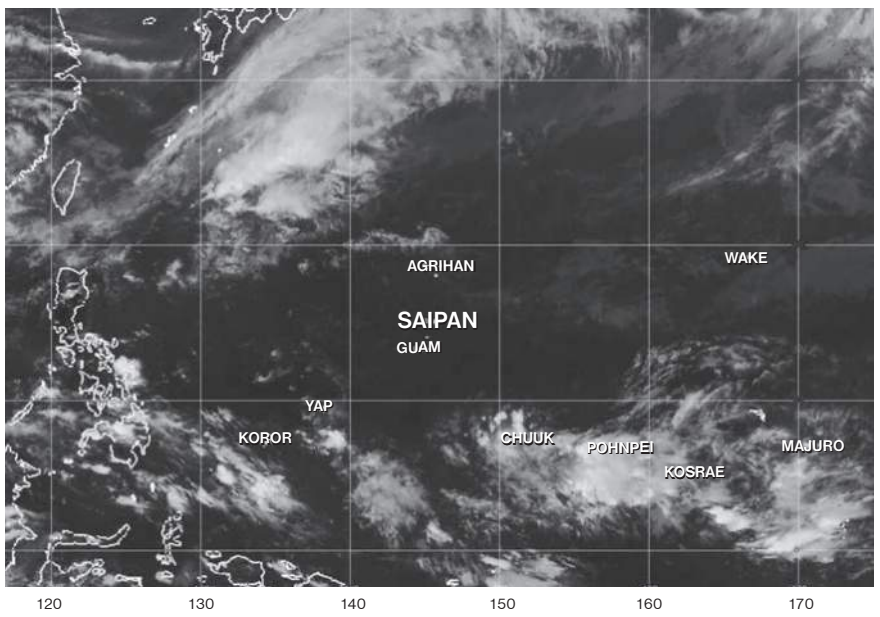
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲85	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼81
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Thundershowers	▲63	▼54
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲73	▼55
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲76	▼75
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼73
London	Windy	▲63	▼49
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲72	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲93	▼80
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲66	▼54
Miami	Sunny	▲86	▼75
New York	Showers	▲58	▼54
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	▲72	▼51
Paris	Showers	▲64	▼50
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲68	▼54
Rome	Sunny	▲76	▼55
Salem	Rain	▲58	▼48
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲62	▼53
Seoul	Sunny	▲76	▼49
Tokyo	Showers	▲73	▼54
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼60

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A nearly stationary frontal boundary heads west-southwestward from north of the Mariana Islands at 25N145E to beyond 130E at 23N. Extensive cloudiness and patchy rain are present north of a line from 21N130E to 21N136E to 25N145E. Isolated thunderstorms are occurring in the vicinity of the front to the west of 135E. An old shear line curves westward from 19N180 to southwest of Wake Island at 14N164E to end in the northern CNMI near Pagan at 18N145E. Cloudiness and scattered showers are seen along and up to 230 miles north of this boundary. Converging trade winds are producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms across a large area of Micronesia within 200 miles of a line from 4N143E to 7N149E to 3N174E. This area lies southeast of Yap but includes Chuuk, Pohnpei, Kosrae and Tarawa.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

4:39 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
11:13 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
4:33 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
10:42 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:37 PM
Saturday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Sunday	5:50 AM	6:37 PM
Monday	5:49 AM	6:37 PM
Tuesday	5:49 AM	6:38 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:49 PM	1:37 PM
Saturday	2:37 PM	2:16 AM
Sunday	3:27 PM	2:56 AM
Monday	4:18 PM	3:37 AM
Tuesday	5:12 PM	4:20 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	6:55pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA5038	7:45pm	8:35pm	2, 6
UA5078	8:10pm	9:00pm	3

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	5:35pm	6:10pm	2, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	6:40pm	7:15pm	2, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11: 05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5038	5:35pm	7:15pm	2, 6 via Rota
UA5077	6:50pm	7:40pm	3

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	6:55pm	7:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	8:00pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL172/288	7:45am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5039	9:55am	6:25pm	7 via Guam
UA190/5038	9:55am	7:15pm	6 via Rota-Guam
UA190/5077	9:55am	7:40pm	3 via Guam
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA184/5038	10:25pm	7:15pm+1	1 via Rota-Guam
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via Guam
UA184/5038	11:30pm	7:15pm+1	5 via Rota-Guam

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Go, girl!

It is always a pleasure to hear or read someone's thoughts when they resonate in yours, more so when they stylistically do it so well.

It is not because my youngest daughter is named Maria Andrea, and my eldest sister is Fe, and, of course, Lazaro is Lazarus in the biblical story of the one who was called to walk out of the tomb (a rich metaphor indeed), that I got mesmerized by the AG speech competition's winning piece of Maria Fe Andrea M. Lazaro, for it is definitely worth the keepsake.

Reared in the Reformation tradition of Christendom after Luther, and arrogantly convinced that truth was last heard in biblical history with the Apocalyptic John, and was Dark Ages until the rotund Dominican nailed his thesis in Wittenberg, I nevertheless sometimes throw in a Latin or two in my column, knowing that my editor would appreciate Aristotle, Augustine, and Aquinas. He, being the sole sure reader by default of my pieces now that mother is bedridden in Honolulu and can no longer access the online edition, I think a word or phrase from one of the three "A"s tickles my editor's fancy.

But to reach back to more than a century BCE for the Phoenician dramatist Terence's quote (yup, I Wiki'd this one) *Humani nil a me ali-enum puto* was nothing short of inspired. Which leads me to suspect that Maria Fe Andrea has been called to the principal's office once-too-many times and has been duly subjected to the principal's erudition.

She spoke of the truth, and did it so well!

We are babbling, with a patina of gloat covertly thrown in, 'cause I just welcomed Maria Fe Andrea to the universal *Homo Hominis Globalis* Club of the world-wise street-smart Pinoy, whose diaspora from their former archipelago is one serendipitous gracious act of providence.

Maria Fe Andrea, I am glad you are still of the age when I do not have to apologize to tell you: Go, girl!

Jaime R. Vergara
Shenyang, China

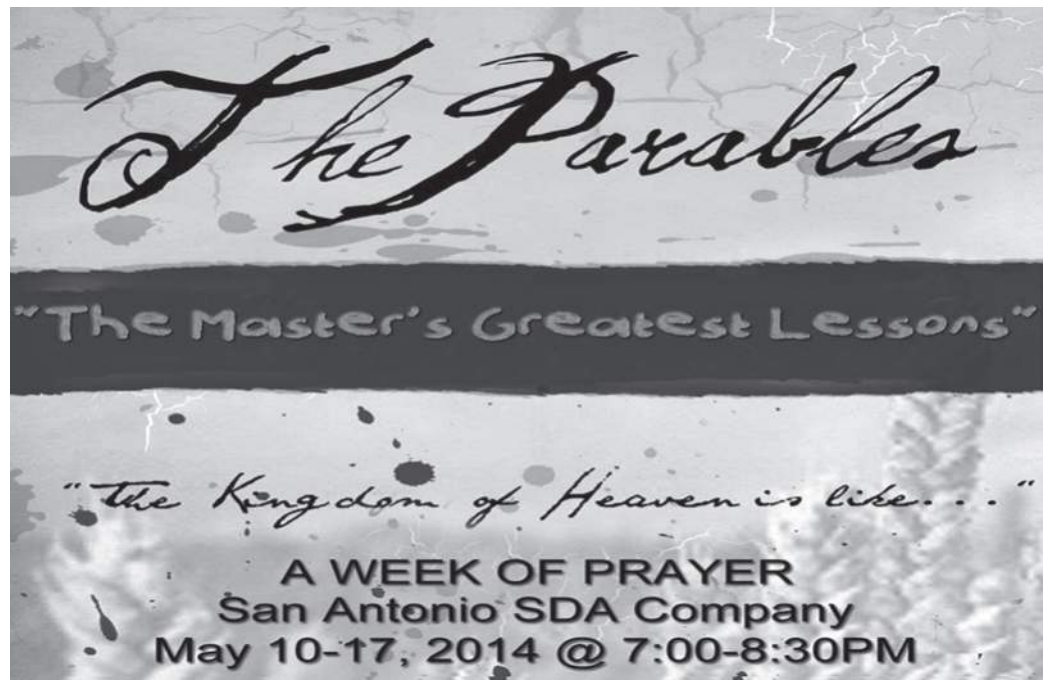
Open letter to DPL Secretary Pedro Tenorio

Dear Mr. Tenorio: Pete, since you don't care what other people think and say, allow me to say my peace and give you friendly advice from a guy that has nothing but common sense. May I recommend that you watch the CNN Channel under African Voices for "transparency" and "working in the dark" and Asia Talk, the interview of Mr. Pharrel Williams on "ego." It will teach you not to be complacent and lead you in the right direction. That is, of course, if you have a little bit of integrity left in you.

People are saying that you have thick skin but I disagree. I think you have leather skin, which is bad and dangerous. Thank God you were limited to a lieutenant governor position in your political career; otherwise you'll be a dangerous person should you be given the opportunity to govern us. Man, for your small stature you truly are a gutsy person. Anyway, I hope the Legislature have the will and wisdom to stop you. And if they don't, then it only proves that dirty money plays an important role in our society and I have to congratulate you for being a great manipulator. *Ai adai* Pedro, *si yu'us unbinindise!*

By the way, leave the Street Market vendors alone! That's one night a week for us poor folks who cannot afford the comfort of sitting in a restaurant come to enjoy an affordable meal! What's wrong with you? Where's your sense of civility? You could be making millions more from those hotels and golf courses if you choose to do the right thing but no, you'd rather make your money from the nickel and dime operators to make it look like you're doing a good job. Anyway, since you mentioned that area is a prime lot, how much will it be if it's not? Free, perhaps? Shame on you, Pete!

Edwardo K. Peter
Dandan, Saipan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Contact Hiroko Tajima, PDI (287-8780); Hiroko Tenorio (483-0614); Or Elena / Wellington (234-6412)

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you

Thank you to EZ Mart, Docomo Pacific, AA Enterprises, and individuals in the community for supporting the Empty Vessel Ministry.

Empty Vessel wishes to thank individuals, businesses, and organizations for the overwhelming support for our garage store in Gualo Rai. We are so touched by your generosity and we are happy to help out families looking for affordable items. Thank you all for your generosity.

We are turning your gifts and donated items into good use and enable low-income families to receive free or affordable items. Both new and used clothing and other items are generously helpful to support our programs. We request that all donations be in good condition so that they are useful to someone else. Many families have benefited from variety of donation; therefore if anyone has clothes, shoes, utensils and any items he or she wants to donate, we will be happy to receive them at Empty Vessel. If you are leaving the island, kindly consider donating your items instead of throwing them way. Someone's throw-away could be someone else precious treasure.

EZ Mart located in Gualo Rai has profound spirit of helping others who are in need. A medium-sized store selling all kinds of products to meet the needs of every Saipan citizens, it operates daily and still finds precious time to recognize isolated needs of others just like Empty Vessel.

Empty Vessel is grateful and appreciates any kind of donation like the owners of EZ Mart who have donated 681 hats, valued at $1,043, for helping the Gualo Rai Garage Sale store operation and mission. Thank you to AA Enterprises for their support with garage space.

Large operation companies are greatly helpful to small non-profit organizations by helping their daily operation or sponsoring important events like the Saipan's Next Top Chef competition, which took place in PIC last year. Docomo Pacific is one example of distinguished companies who generously donated $500 in supporting the Saipan's Next Top Chef event in 2013. We extend our appreciation to Docomo Pacific for their helping hand with Empty Vessel.

Other ways you can help us is by sponsoring a child in Kenya, the Philippines, and Bangladesh for only $30 a month. This will provide education and basic needs for a street child or an orphan. We also support education here on Saipan, therefore we appreciate school supplies donation for our children. Currently, we are collecting school supplies for schools for Rota, so kindly feel free to bring your school supplies donations to Empty Vessel Garage sale store or Empty Vessel booth at the Street Market.

We also believe in empowering women because women ensure that the family is well taken cared of. Because of the generous donation from our supporters, 71 women in Kenya have received small loans for them to start small businesses. On Saipan, we educate and empower women through successful monthly meetings. Willing and interesting guest speakers from the community come to educate women and share knowledge on different issues.

Contact us at 483-0162 or 235-2340 for any questions or visit us in Gualo Rai at the ABA building across from EZ Mart and Bali Fashion, next to the Monica Furniture Store.

Rose Smith
Empty Vessel Ministry
Gualo Rai, Saipan

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The registration will begin on May 12 and will continue through June 30, 2014. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the registration process by visiting our public schools. For more information and inquiries you can call the numbers assigned from the respective schools.

Head Start registration ongoing throughout the centers. Please call the numbers 664 -3769/3751/68 for the registration process and additional information.

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STUDENTS FIRST

Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School (K-5)
Tel. No.: 237-3121
664-3400

- Capitol Hill (Northwest of Egigi Dr.)
- Sadog Tasi
- As Mahetok
- Tanapag
- San Roque
- Achugao
- As Matuis

Kagman Elementary School (K-5)
Tel. No.: 664-3911/12/13
237-3921

- Papago (North of Botanical Garden)
- Kagman
- As Teo
- Capitol Hill (Northeast of Egigi Dr.)

San Vicente Elementary School (K-5)
Tel. No.: 237-3791
664-3981

- San Vicente (Isa Drive)
- Airport Road (Chalan Tun Herman Pan)
- As Lito (Chalan Msgr. Martinez)
- Papago (Up to Botanical Garden/ on Isa Drive)
- Fina Sisu
- Dandan (Dandan Road)
- Lower Dandan (Java Joe's up to San Vicente Elem. School)

Koblerville Elementary School (K-5)
Tel. No.: 237-3621
664-3961

- Koblerville
- As Gonno
- San Antonio
- Afetna
- South Guili Street & Alu Drive

Garapan Elementary School (K-6)
Tel. No.: 237-3341
664-3951

- Gualo Rai to Shell Puerto Rico (Chalan Pale Arnold Highway to Baranka Lane)
- China Town
- Lower & Upper Navy Hill
- Garapan Beach Road Area up to Marianas Eye Institute (Gualo Rai Road)

Oleai Elementary School (K-6)
Tel. No.: 237-3501
664-3942

- South of Gualo Rai Road
- Chalan Kiya (Golf Course)
- Kannat Tabla
- As Terlaje
- Falughulo
- San Jose
- Susupe (North of Sarawi Blvd.)

William S. Reyes Elementary School (K-6)
Tel. No.: 237-3542
664-3971

- Chalan Kanoa/ Chalan Piao
- North of Guili Road (DPA Car Mart)
- Susupe (South of Sarawi Blvd.)
- As Perdido
- South Side of Fina Sisu Road (Highway 306)

Tanapag Middle School (6-8)
Tel. No.: 237-3161/4
664-3425

- Capitol Hill (Northwest of Egigi Dr.)
- Sadog Tasi
- Tanapag
- As Mahetok
- San Roque
- Achugao
- As Matuis

Chacha Oceanview Middle School (6-8)
Tel. No.: 664-4100
237-3921

- North of Ton Bako or Nan Ocha' Store
- Papago (North of Botanical Garden)
- Kagman
- As Teo
- Capitol Hill (Northeast of Egigi Dr.)

Dandan Middle School (6-8)
Tel. No.: 237-3662
664-5025

- Dandan
- Lower Dandan
- San Vicente
- Airport Road
- Aslito (North of SIS)
- Papago (Up to Botanical Garden)

San Antonio Middle School (6-8)
Tel. No.: 237-3582
664-3930

- Guili Street South (DPA Car Mart in Chalan Piao)
- Alu Drive
- Koblerville

Hopwood Jr. High School (7-8)
Tel. No.: 664-5079

- As Lito (South of Saipan International School)
- As Terlaje
- As Perdido
- Chalan Laulau Beach Rd.
- Chalan Kanoa
- Chalan Kiya
- Chalan Laulau
- Chalan Piao
- China Town
- Finasisu
- Garapan
- Gualo Rai
- Kannat Tabla
- Lower Navy Hill
- Middle Road
- Navy Hill
- Quarter Master
- Puerto Rico (South of Baranka Lane - Shell Gas Station)
- Sado Tasi
- San Jose
- Susupe

Marianas High School (9-12)
Tel. No.: 237-3206
664-3800

- South of Baranka Lane (Shell Gas Station in Puerto Rico)
- North of Chalan Piao Mobil
- San Vicente up to SVS
- Partial on Dandan Road
- Airport Road
- Fina Sisu
- As Perdido
- Kannat Tabla
- Chalan Kiya
- Garapan
- Chalan Laulau
- Gualo Rai
- Chalan Kanoa
- Susupe
- As Lito (Up to the As Gonno traffic light)
- Oleai
- Beach Road

Kagman High School (9-12)
Tel. No.: 237-3834/3840
664-3780

- Kagman (1, 2, 3 & Phase 4)
- Capitol Hill
- Sadog Tasi
- Achugao
- As Matuis
- Marpi
- Papago
- Tanapag
- San Roque
- San Vicente (North of San Vicente Elem. School)

Saipan Southern High School (9-12)
Tel. No.: 237-3706
664-3800

- Upper Dandan
- Koblerville
- San Antonio
- As Gonno
- Afetna

Tinian Elementary School (K-6)
Tel. No.: 237-4148
433-9246/50

Tinian Jr. Sr. High School (7-12)
Tel. No.: 237-4163
237-4191/433-9275

Sinapalo Elementary School (K-6)
Tel. No.: 237-4072
532-9521

Dr. Rita H. Inos Jr. Sr. High School (7-12)
Tel. No.: 237-4042
532-9502

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMC Charter Day vendor applications due today

The Northern Marianas College is inviting vendors to take part in the college's annual Charter Day celebration on Friday, May 16, 2014. Booth applications forms must be submitted by today, May 9, 2014, by 4pm. The booth fee is $150 for all commercial vendors but for student clubs and nonprofit organizations, booth fees are $75. Applications forms are available for download at www.marianas.edu, or can be picked up from the NMC Student Center in Building J. For more information, contact Queanna Sablan at 234-5498 ext. 6790 or email queanna.sablan@marianas.edu. *(NMC)*

Do Re Mi Music School's violin recital

The Do Re Mi Music School is having its 22nd Annual Concert today, May 9, and tomorrow, May 10, from 7pm to 9pm each evening at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. Tickets are available by calling 233-7777 and will also be available at the door: $10 for adults and $5 for children. The concert will include pieces from Tchaikovsky, Paganini, Wentawski, and Mendelssohn, among others. *(PR)*

MCS club to stage *The Little Mermaid Jr.*

The Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club presents Disney's *The Little Mermaid Jr.* on Friday, May 9, and Saturday, May 10, at the Mount Carmel School Auditorium. Doors open at 6:30pm. Tickets cost $10 for preferred seating and $5 for general seating

The Little Mermaid Jr. will feature music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater, and book by Doug Wright. It is based on the Hans Christian Andersen story and the Disney film. Music adapted and arranged by David Weinstein.

For more information, call 234-6184 or visit www.mountcarmelsaipan.com. *(MCS)*

CCA board meets on Tuesday

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org. *(CCA)*

NMPASI closed today

The Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc. office will be closed today, May 9, 2014, from 8amto 5pm for staff development. *(NMPASI)*

Memorial Week proclamation signing

The Office of the Governor and the Veterans Affairs Office has scheduled a Memorial Week proclamation signing on Monday, May 19, 2014, 10am, at the Office of the Governor's conference room. All veterans, active and reserved military personnel, family members of those departed veterans, and the general public are invited to come and join this proclamation signing. *(PR)*

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Saturday, May 17, 2014

Registration opens: 6:00 a.m. Start time: 6:30 a.m.
Starting point: Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan; Turnaround at water station across Gold Beach Hotel

Registration is Free.
Commemorative T-Shirt available for $7.00 while supplies last.
Medals awarded to:
Youngest walker (Male & Female)
Oldest walker (Male & Female)
Free blood sugar, blood pressure and respiratory flow check by Marianas Health Services.

Contact Hiroko Tajima, PDI (287-8780); Hiroko Tenorio (483-0614); Or Elena / Wellington (234-6412)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday greetings go out to my father's oldest brother, Jesse "Uncle Jun" Songao Santos, who is celebrating his birthday today, May 9! We wish you many more good and healthy years to come. May the Lord bless you today and the days to come. We hope you enjoy your day. Showing you some love from Guam, Craig and Tinie Calvo.

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Happy first birthday to Risk Sablan! Enjoy your day, little man. Greetings come from Rhian Napu and Tyreen Mercedes.

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SPAM™ COOK-OFF

Cook-Off Competition
Saturday
May 17, 2014 at 11am
JOETEN SUSUPE
Limit 20 contestants

Winner will receive $650 cash plus a case of SPAM®!

To Enter

Print the following:
- your name
- address
- daytime phone number
- SPAM™ recipe

on an 8.5x11 sheet of paper and submit to **Joeten Susupe**, Monday-Saturday, 8am-6pm.

For more information: Contact **Abby** at D&Q **322-2706/285-2702** or **JJ** at Joeten Susupe **234-6446**.

Categories

Each contestant may enter only one recipe in one of the following categories:
- original appetizer
- casserole
- stew
- stir-fry
- salad
- sandwich

Each recipe entry must use at least one 12-ounce can of the SPAM® family of products.

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

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SPAM® COOK-OFF OFFICIAL RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. Eligibility. This Contest is open only to contestants who are at least 18 years of age or older and amateurs. Professionals are not eligible to enter. For purposes of this event, "Professionals" are defined as anyone who makes money through professional cooking, including, but not limited to chefs, food editors, home economists, and food preparation editors. Employees of Dickerson & Quinn, Joeten Enterprises and the immediate families of each are not eligible to enter.

2. The SPAM® Cook-Off will be held at Joeten Susupe on Saturday, May 17th at 11:00AM and will be limited to twenty (20) contestants. Contest registration will be on a first-come, first serve basis. To enter the contest, individuals must submit their name, address, daytime phone number and recipe; all information is to be typed on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper, to the Joeten Susupe, Monday-Saturday, 8am-6pm. All contestants will be required to sign the Official Rules upon entering the contest. Each contestant may enter only one recipe for one of the following categories: original appetizer, casserole, stew, stir-fry, salad or sandwich. Each recipe entry must use at least one 12-ounce can from the SPAM® family of products (any variety). Last day/time to submit entry forms and recipes is Wednesday, May 14th at 6pm.

3. Recipes must not have been published and/or cannot have won prizes or awards in other contests and must not be restricted in any way. Submission of the recipes gives Dickerson & Quinn and Joeten Enterprise the right to modify, edit, adapt, publish and/or use the recipe in any way and in any and all media without limitation and without consideration or payment to the entrant.

4. Each participating contestant will be given a SPAM® T-shirt. Contestants are encouraged to wear the T-shirt during each competition.

5. Contestants must bring their dish for judging by 10:45am. Any dishes brought in after 10:45am will be disqualified. Judging will begin promptly at 11:15am. Final heating, cooking and presentation preparation may be done at the contest site. Power outlets will be provided. Contestants must bring all required preparation materials such as warming plates, crock pots, etc. The individual who entered the contest must be present at the judging of their dish. Entries will be judged on the basis of taste, originality and overall presentation. The judges will be chosen by Dickerson & Quinn and Joeten Enterprise.

6. A first, second and third place winner will be selected. The first place winner will receive $650 cash plus 1 case of SPAM® (assorted flavors). The second place winner will receive $365 cash plus 1 case of SPAM® (assorted flavors). The third place winner will receive $165 cash plus 1 case of SPAM® (assorted flavors).

7. All winners will be required to sign an Affidavit of Eligibility and Liability/Publicity Release that will, among other things, allow the use of winners' names by the sponsors. Failure to comply with this condition will result in forfeiture of prizes. All applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations apply. Void where taxed, restricted or prohibited by law. All taxes are the sole responsibility of the winners.

8. Interpretation of the contest rules shall be at the sole discretion of Dickerson & Quinn. Any decisions made shall be binding on all contestants. Judges decisions are final.

9. Contest is sponsored by Dickerson & Quinn.

10. Contest void where prohibited. All prizes will be awarded. Prizes are nonrefundable, nontransferable, and cannot be redeemed for cash. Winners must consent to the use of his/her likeness and/or photograph for advertising purposes without additional compensation. Taxes on prizes are the responsibility of the winner. All recipes become the property of Dickerson & Quinn and will not be returned. Dickerson & Quinn is not responsible for lost, late, misdirected or mutilated entries.

Free Zumba classes at Garapan Central Park

Joseph Caranto, a licensed Zumba instructor with license number 610663, will be conducting free Zumba classes at the Garapan Central Park beginning Monday, May 12, 2014, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm.

Classes for the month of May will be from Monday through Wednesday. However, it will be extended from Monday through Thursday on the second week of June.

In partnership with the Let's Move Marianas Alliance, Caranto wishes to provide a fun way to do physical activity for the entire community while promoting health and wellness.

Caranto, who is also a member of "Zin," has been a Zumba instructor since November 2012. Caranto has also completed the Cognitive and Skills Evaluation in accordance with the curriculum of the American Heart Association BLS (CPR & AED) Program.

The Let's Move Marianas Initiative aims to promote healthy lifestyles, provide awareness, and create policies focusing on building and maintaining a healthy and strong community. ***(PR)***

Free lecture on El Niño projections for 2014-2015

The El Niño climate phenomenon is anticipated to re-occur in the Pacific later this year. When this event occurs and reaches a moderate or strong intensity, it can significantly impact the worldwide weather, often destructively. The Mariana archipelago is often the recipient of some of the harsh impacts, such as more typhoon and monsoon activity, increased floods, and even a prolonged drought.

The public is invited to attend an APASEEM-sponsored talk on this subject to be held at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center this coming Tuesday, May 13, 2014, beginning at 3:30pm.

The region's National Weather Service warning coordination meteorologist, Charles "Chip" Guard, will share his agency's most recent scientific projections on the anticipated El Niño phenomenon. In addition, Guard will discuss previous and potential impacts to the region that are associated with this global climate phenomenon.

As at all APASEEM events questions from the public are greatly encouraged.

For more information contact APASEEM president Michael Trianni at mtrianni@ymail.com or John Furey, APASEEM secretary, at jfurey@saipan.com.

APASEEM stands for Asia Pacific Academy of Sciences, Science Education, and Environmental Management ***(APASEEM)***

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- 25% discount - 1 person
- 50% discount - 2 persons
- 33% discount - 3 persons
- 25% discount - 4 to 8 persons
- Alcoholic beverage are not discounted
- Transferable

Immediate Family Membership Benefit Includes:

* Unlimited Range Balls
* Unlimited Use of Sauna

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Eucon holds graduation rites for 7 students

The Eucon International College held its 8th Commencement Exercises last Saturday, May 3, with seven graduates being conferred with Bachelor of Science in Education diplomas.

Liang, Shuang "Susanna"; Liu, Ting "Christine"; Wei, Christiana; Xu, Hui; Xu, Yue Ming "Miriam"; Yan, Rui "Arthur"; Zhu, Hu Lan "Mary"; and Chen, Zhe "David" were conferred with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Bible. Three of them have been accepted for graduate studies at Bob Jones University in South Carolina and Pensacola Christian College in Florida.

The graduates were challenged by former House speaker Heinz Hofschneider to use their education to become good citizens, not only in upholding the law but also in honoring the creator. Hofschneider mainly talked about the separation of the church and state but that the U.S. and CNMI constitutions were also founded on faith.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores also encouraged the graduates to use the skills and education they gained at Eucon to become better citizens and contribute to the betterment of the community.

The graduates encouraged their fellow students to continue to work harder to reach their goals. Miriam Xue, who has a severe eyesight difficulty, was very thankful for her professors who adjusted to her special physical need. Some professors made the tests or quizzes in bigger prints or lent her their laptops during class to see the notes or gave her their notes so she could see them or else she'll have to use a magnifying glass.

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Former House speaker Heinz Hofschneider, front fourth from left, and Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, front fifth from left, join the faculty and new graduates of the Eucon International College during its 8th Commencement Exercises last Saturday, May 3.

Xu Hui, a wife and a mother of two, was very emotional for being able to graduate after going back to high school at EUCON International School few years ago through the encouragement of Dr. and Mrs. Wei.

Christine Liu touched the hearts of many when she admitted her faults against her parents and asked for forgiveness for being rebellious in the past.

Winnie Mei, the student body elect, announced that Eucon International College is working on changing its name to Eucon International University and will be offering graduate degree(s) in the future.

The first graduate degree that Eucon will offer is Master of Arts in Theology. This is basically intended to community members who want to increase their Bible knowledge, or to missionaries, Bible teachers, and the like. For more information, contact Eucon at 234-3203/7 or info@eucon.edu. Eucon International School's promotion and graduation ceremony will held be on May 30 at 6pm. ***(EUCON)***

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Pedicure with Scrub
Trim
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Hair Color
Pedicure with scrub
Trim
Package 4 - $80.00
High Lights
Pedicure with scrub
Trim
Package 5 - $60.00
Hair Condition
Pedicure with scrub
Hair Trim
Package 6 - $50.00
Hair Cellophane
Pedicure with Scrub
Trim
Package 7- $30.00
Manicure with nail art
Pedicure with scrub
Eyebrow threading or waxing
Package 8 - $50.00
Legs waxing
Manicure
Pedicure with scrub
Package 9 - $40.00
Foot Spa
Manicure
Pedicure
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US Fish and Wildlife to host Open House meetings on Saipan, Guam

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is holding Open House meetings on Saipan and in Guam. The information meetings will provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn about the process for proposing new threatened or endangered species under the U.S. Endangered Species Act and proposing critical habitat.

The Service is considering whether certain species in Guam and the CNMI warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act through listing and critical habitat.

The Saipan Open House will be held at the American Memorial Park Visitor Center in Garapan on Wednesday, May 14, from 6pm to 8pm.

The Guam Open House will be held at the University of Guam, School of Business and Public Administration, Anthony Leon Guerrero Room 129, Mangilao, Guam on Friday, May 16, from 6pm to 8pm.

Twenty-three species located in Guam and the CNMI are under consideration for listing as either endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act. Species under consideration include seven candidate species (one bat, four tree snails, and two butterflies); we are also considering listing and additional 14 plant species and two animals. The Service is concurrently considering designating critical habitat for these species (if listed) and revising critical habitat for currently listed species in Guam and the CNMI. The species under consideration are:

Plants Being Considered for Listing as Endangered or Threatened (14)		
Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
Bulbophyllum guamense	wild onion or Cebello Halumtano	Guam and CNMI
Cycas micronesica	Fadang	Guam and CNMI
Dendrobium guamense	No Common Name (NCN)	Guam and CNMI
Eugenia bryanii	NCN	Guam
Hedyotis megalantha	Paudedo	Guam
Heritiera longipetiolata	Ufa-Halomtano	Guam and CNMI
Maesa walkeri	NCN	Guam and CNMI
Nervilia jacksoniae	NCN	Guam and CNMI
Phyllanthus saffordii	NCN	Guam
Psychotria malaspinae	Aplokhating-palaoan	Guam
Solanum guamense	Berenghenas Halomtano	Guam and CNMI
Tabernaemontana rotensis	NCN	Guam and CNMI
Tinospora homosepala	NCN	Guam
Tuberolabium guamense	NCN	Guam and CNMI
Animals Being Considered for Listing as Endangered or Threatened (9)		
Scientific Name	Common Name	Location
Emballonura semicaudata rotensis	Pacific sheath-tailed bat	CNMI
Emoia slevini	Slevin's skink	Guam and CNMI
Hypolimnas octocula mariannensis	Mariana Eight Spot Butterfly	Guam and CNMI
Ischnura luta	Rota damselfly	CNMI
Partula gibba	Humped Tree Snail	Guam and CNMI
Partula langfordi	Langford's Tree Snail	CNMI
Partula radiolata	Guam Tree Snail	Guam
Samoana fragilis	Fragile Tree Snail	Guam and CNMI
Vagrans indica	Wandering Butterfly	Guam and CNMI

"The Service greatly values public input and we hope that people will come to these meetings, share their knowledge, learn, or suggest ways to protect some of the rarest plants and animals in the Mariana Islands," said Loyal Mehrhoff, the Service's field supervisor for the Pacific Islands Fish and Wildlife Office.

To learn more about the Pacific island's Endangered Species program, go to http://www.fws.gov/pacificislands/. ***(USFWS)***

Mother's Day GREETINGS

To a mother with endless care and love
To a mother her children are very proud of
To a mother who's love is so pure
To a mother that no matter what, will always endure
To a mother that really knows best
To a mother surely above the rest
To a mother that knows family and love in every way
To OUR ONE AND ONLY mother have a very blessed

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

From Andreau & Angelica Galvez

Lilybeth Andrade: To the mom
I am so proud to have.
No matter what we go through, no matter how much we argue,
I'll always LOVE, LOVE you!
Thank you for being my best friend.

Love, Hanaivy

To Velma C. Deleon Guerrero:

One of the greatest gifts in my life is raising our three children with you. Your strength, passion, and support have touched all of us. We have created many great memories together and I cherish every moment spent with you. I look forward to creating more memories with you as our kids grow up and we grow old together. Happy Mother's Day My Love.

From: your man

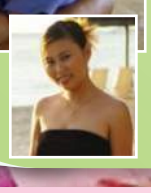
Happy Mother's Day!

Our Mummy,

You are our "supermom" in the whole world. And we're your "tiny heroes" who always break the rules but never across the "wild" borders. You always protect us with your "magic touch" & "mighty hands". You never let us down even if we're so close to be terminated from the universe.
Gaudelia M. Pua, our dearest mommy, we love you today, tomorrow and till the end.

Happy Mama's Day!!!

Love,
From all your children, in-laws, grand children, and great-grand children



A mother is the biggest blessing that one receives coming into this world - no matter time or distance the love I have for you will span all time & worldly things, Happy Mother's day!

Love Mikey Jr. and hubby too :)

As I look back in my life I realize there's nothing I've done to you that you cannot endure. No damage upon you that will stop you from staying devotional to me. If there was a better honor than "Mother" you will be that. You who is more than a mother to me.

Love, Darrell

Mommy,
There is no other way to express our love and gratitude towards you, but by wishing you happiness and love on this special day. Happy Mother's Day. Thank you for everything

We love you!

Daddy, Kristine, Kaela, Kiana, Kevin & Kathleen

To Velma C. Deleon Guerrero:

You are my rock, mom. You are strong, you are passionate, and you are committed to your family. Whenever I feel weak or that I can't do something, I just have to think of you to know that I am stronger and more capable than I'll ever realize. In everything that I do, I hope I make you proud because I am always proud to call you my mother. Happy Mother's Day to the Best Mom in the World.

From: First Joy

To Jessica "Kilili" Sablan Deleon Guerrero:

Mom, I haven't always been a good son, but you have always done your best to be a great mom. I know that I would not be who I am today if it weren't for you and how you raised me. Now, you are standing up as a wonderful grandmother, and we are truly blessed to have you in our lives. Happy Mother's Day Mom.

From: Galvin

Happy Mother's Day to the greatest, most hard-working mother we know. You are truly a wonderful woman, and we thank God for blessing us with such an amazing mom. We love you, mama! Thank you for everything

Love,
Jian and Jehn

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Happy Mother's Day!

Jersh, Matty and Mateo

Happy 1st Mother's Day, Marilou!

Love ya, Ed and the kids.

Lilybeth Andrade

"There is magic in the air whenever you are near.

May all the blessings of life come your way."

Happy Mother's Day Mom!

From Joe

lilibeth santiago

"there is no blessing quite so dear...

as a mom like you to love year after year."

happy mother's day tita beth!

from joe

Happy Mother's Day to our Mother, Grandmother, and Hero.

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From – Rhonda, Matson, Dice, Travis, Anne, Nola, Ben, and your grandchildren

Darlene Sasamoto

"To the woman so close to me like my own mother. May you have the best Mother's Day you'll always remember."

Happy Mother's Day!

From Joe

Lucy Guo

"Thank you for being there for me through good times and bad.

To the mom I wish I have."

Happy Mother's Day Lucy!

From Joe

Mother's Day promotions on Saipan

Mothers and their families will have a wide selection of lunch and dinner choices, as local hotels and restaurants are pulling out all the stops to make Mother's Day truly special this Sunday.

As if that's not enough, flower shops, beauty salons, and telecommunications companies are also offering Mother's Day promotions throughout the month.

Kanoa Resort

The Susupe hotel will have its usual Mother's Day buffet on Sunday from 11am to 2pm. Kanoa Resort's chefs will be serving sashimi, sushi, as well as roast beef for the special occasion. Cost is only $22 for adults and $11 for children. For reservations, call 234-6601.

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan

Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is promising a Mother's Day brunch to remember at its spacious Hibiscus Hall. The sumptuous buffet lunch will come complete with free-flowing red and white wine, champagne, draft beer, and iced tea. The Mother's Day brunch will also include live entertainment, raffle prizes, free pool pass, and special gift for mothers. Cost is $29.99 for adults and $14.99 for children. For reservations, call 234-6414 ext. 1548/1544 or 233-6414 or 483-6402.

PIC Saipan

Pacific Islands Club Saipan has not one, not two, but three Mother's Day packages for moms this Sunday.

A Special Brunch at The Magellan can be had for $30 if you're an adult and $15 if you're a child from 4 to 11 years old.

The San Antonio hotel is also offering an Elegant Set Dinner at Seaside Grill for $65 per adult. It comes with a complimentary bottle of wine or champagne.

PIC Saipan also has a Special Room Deal this Mother's Day. For $169 (tax inclusive), mothers and their families also get to enjoy one complimentary brunch, 60-minute Thai Spa massage, and a special gift.

The promotion is good for CNMI and Guam residents only with valid ID from May 9 to 12. For reservations, call 234-7676. For restaurant reservations, call 237-5126.

Saipan World Resort

Entertainment by Raine and Nestor, plus a flair show by bartenders champions, await customers of Saipan World Resort's Mother's Day Special Lunch this Sunday from 11am to 2pm.

Aside from an upgraded eat-all-you-can buffet menu, diners can also enjoy bottomless wine, beer, juice, and a chance to win a prize in a special Mother's Day raffle sponsored by World Resort, Coca-Cola, and Docomo Pacific.

Cost is $28 for adults and $14 for children. For reservations, call 234-5900 ext. 388.

Laolao Bay Golf & Resort

The first 50 moms that show up for Laolao Bay Golf & Resort's Mother's Day lunch buffet will get a surprise gift. Aside from that, diners this Sunday will enjoy a sumptuous eat-all-you-can lunch at The Grill, which comes with a free pool pass. Cost is $20 for adults and 12 for children 4-11 years old. For reservations, call 236-8831/29.

East West/Coffee & Jazz

The former Siberian Restaurant and its sister outlet, Coffee & Jazz, is offering 20-percent off on its food menu this Mother's Day. In addition, moms also get a free glass of champagne. For reservations, call East West and Coffee & Jazz at 233-7722.

La Trattoria

The newest Italian restaurant on island is celebrating Mother's Day by giving away free Italian bubbles or dessert for moms who dine at La Trattoria. The Middle Road restaurant is open for lunch from 11am to 2pm, Monday-Friday; and dinner from 6pm to 10pm, Monday-Sunday. For reservations, call 233-7600.

Amigo's

Amigo's Pizza & BBQ is giving away a one medium, one topping pizza for every $35 food purchase this Sunday. Amigo's is also offering 10-percent off on all food items throughout the month of May. For reservations, call 233-7412.

Mango Resort

The newest hotel on Saipan is joining the parade of businesses offering Mother's Day promotions, as Mango Resort Saipan is pricing its rooms at a starting price of only $59. A special package that includes breakfast for two can also be had for only $79, tax excluded. For more information, call 288-6903.

Herman's Modern Bakery

Deep discounts on traditional island treats are being offered by Herman's Modern Bakery this Mother's Day. For instance, a 10- to 11-lb. picnic ham with heart-shaped cake is only $55, while the same picnic ham with lollipop bouquet can be had for $50. At other end of the price list, a lollipop bouquet costs only $12, while Mother's Day lollipop cookies is a mere $2.75.

Design Florist

Mother's Day won't be complete without flowers and Design Florist is selling them for $5 for a single rose wrap, $50 for a dozen roses, and $40 and up for spring arrangements and gift baskets. In addition, the flower shop is also offering 20-50 percent off on selected items storewide this Mother's Day. For more information, call 234-5593 or 235-8572.

Jojo's Beauty Salon

Pamper your wife or mother this Mother's Day by purchasing a beauty and wellness treatment package for her at Jojo's Beauty Salon & Spa. The beauty salon along Quartermaster Road is offering a myriad of packages that range from trim, re-bond, manicure, pedicure and scrub, highlights, foot spa, to microderm abrasion, and enzyme facial. For more information, call 235-5598 or 235-5599.

IT&E

Two lucky winners will take home a 7" Samsung Galaxy Tab 2 in IT&E's Mother's Day Text 2 Win promotion. To join just text the word "mom" to 2946 and participants can text as many times they want. IT&E charges 25 cents per text in the promotion.

Other prizes at stake are a Mother's Day gift basket, a 90-minute massage at Healing Stone, foot spa and manicure at American Nails, and a haircut at Serenity Salon & Spa. Final drawing is today, May 9, at 1pm. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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CHCC-CGC completes four-day training

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Community Guidance Center completed last month a four-day training held at both the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe and CHCC's conference room.

Behavioral health and partner providers, paraprofessionals, personnel from government agencies, nongovernment organizations, and community members took part in the training that taught participants about ethics and confidentiality, dealing with difficult clients, drugs and the brain and medical marijuana, and motivational interviewing.

The training was led by Dr. Thomas Freese, director of training at the University of California Los Angeles integrated substance abuse programs, together with representatives of the Pacific Southwest Adiction Technology Transfer Center, or PSATTC.

Herbert Sablan, CGC substance abuse treatment supervisor, said that PSATTC assists by disseminating clinical and research information.

"PSATTC is designed to enhance knowledge and expertise in substance use disorder treatment and recovery," he said.

PSATTC covers Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, the CNMI, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau.

Sablan noted that PSATTC also helps U.S. and Pacific jurisdictions develop, revise, and distribute curricula based on research products and form partnerships with local and regional stakeholders "to ensure that the training needs of the region are identified and met."

PSATTC, the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, and CHCC-CGC staff cosponsored the training. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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Dr. Thomas Freese, standing rightmost, poses with training participants from the Community Guidance Center, Division of Public Health, Non-Communicable Disease Bureau, Division of Youth Services, Family & Youth Enhancement Program, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, Northern Marianas College, and Department of Public Safety.

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Dr. Jeremy Richards, right, Community Guidance Center medical director/psychiatrist, and Herbert J. Sablan, left, CGC Substance Abuse Treatment supervisor, present Dr. Thomas Freese with a certificate of appreciation.

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Monday deadline to register for 3 Charter Day contests

The Northern Marianas College Charter Day Planning Committee is reminding individuals or groups who are interested in competing for the college's Charter Day competitions that the deadline to register is Monday, May 12, 2014. The competitions include Marianas Idol, Battle of the Bands, and the Car Show Competition.

The Marianas Idol competition showcases the CNMI's local singers while the Battle of the Bands allows local bands from different musical genres to compete. The Car Show will feature two categories: Hi Lux trucks and 2- and 4- door sport compact sedans.

The Northern Marianas College Charter Day, one of the islands' biggest celebrations, will take place on Friday, May 16, 2014, from 5pm to 10pm at NMC's As Terlaje campus.

"The celebration be showcasing various programs, great food, and thirst-quenching drinks from many local vendors, and we will be featuring great live entertainment," said Ervin Cruz, Charter Day Committee chairman.

Those interested in competing in any of the competitions can pick up an application form from the NMC Student Center in Building J, or can download application forms or rules at www.marianas.edu. There is no application fee for any of the competitions, except for the Car Show, which will require a $25 registration fee.

Applications for the competitions are due Monday, May 12, 2014, by 5pm. Contestants for the Marianas Idol and Battle of the Bands will be contacted no later than May 13, 2014, to schedule the dates and times for auditions.

For the Battle of the Bands, groups are required to bring their own equipment. In addition to inviting participants for the competitions, the Charter Day Planning Committee is also inviting agencies, businesses, clubs and other civic organizations to participate by purchasing booth space for the following categories: food/drink, game booths, retail (arts and crafts, toys etc.), and information.

The deadline to submit applications for booth spaces is on Friday, May 9, 2014. Booth space is limited so applications should be submitted as soon the deadline is announced. The booth fee is $75 for NMC clubs and nonprofit organizations and $150 for commercial vendors.

For more information about booth spaces, contact Queanna Sablan at 234-5498 Ext. 6790 or email her at queanna.sablan@marianas.edu.

Additional information about NMC Charter Day is also available online at www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

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$2-$5 vehicle impact fee on Tinian now law

Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law yesterday Rep. Trenton Conner's (Ind-Tinian) local bill imposing a Tinian vehicular environmental impact fee of $2 for every tourist that rents a scooter and $5 for each tourist that rents a car, all-terrain vehicle, tour bus, or van.

"I thank the governor for signing this bill into law, for understanding the necessity of having the Tinian municipality generate revenue to maintain roadways," Conner told *Saipan Tribune* last night.

House Local Bill 18-47, Draft 1, which passed the four-member Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation on April 2, is now Tinian Local Law 18-8.

The governor earlier vetoed a similar bill from Conner, but the lawmaker said he took into consideration the governor's concerns before introducing another bill with the same purpose.

Under the new Tinian local law, collected fees will be used for the Tinian Tourism and Beautification Revolving Fund for the development, improvement, and maintenance of various cultural and historical sites on Tinian.

The local fee is $2 for each scooter rental. The fee is $5 for each car, ATV, tour bus, or van rental on Tinian.

The fee will be collected by the business vendor for every customer who drives on roads in a tour bus or van, and who use scooters or ATVs on Tinian and Aguiguan. The proposed fee will be assessed for each individual, "no more than one time per visit, up to 30 days."

The fees collected are to be considered locally generated revenue and as such, will be managed exclusively by the Tinian Treasury. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

US govt intends to call at trial minor who allegedly had sex with Roberto

The U.S. government wants to offer during the trial of former acting CNMI Division of Fish and Wildlife director Raymond Borja Roberto evidence of his uncharged sexual activity with minors.

In the U.S. government's notice, assistant U.S. attorney Rami S. Badawy informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI that the prosecution will call a minor as a witness.

Badawy said the girl is expected to testify that Roberto had sex with her in April 2013.

The prosecutor said they will offer the evidence under the Federal Rules of Evidence as it is "probative of defendant's motive, opportunity, intent, preparation, plan, knowledge, identity, absence of mistake, or lack of accident."

The hearing on the issue will be on Monday, May 12. The new trial date is also expected to be known that day.

On Tuesday, the U.S. government filed an additional charge of witness tampering against Roberto on top of two counts of enticement of a minor.

The defendant pleaded not guilty.

According to the second superseding indictment, on April 24, 2014, while detained pending trial, Roberto allegedly attempted to influence the testimony of an individual and tried to persuade the same person to alter, destroy, and conceal evidence.

With respect to the enticement of a minor charges, Roberto allegedly persuaded two girls to engage in prostitution or in sexual activity from March 1, 2013 to July 18, 2013. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

CUC sets public meeting on sewerline project

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. earlier announced that major sewer construction projects in Garapan and San Antonio will soon start. This project, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and awarded to GPPC, Inc., will replace approximately 2,580 feet of dilapidated sewer pipe by replacing existing asbestos cement pipe with new piping, installing new manholes, associated road restoration, and reconnection of existing sewer service laterals.

The sewer replacement project will affect six streets in Garapan (Coral Tree Avenue, Palm Street, Date Street, Ginger Avenue, Orchid Street, and Royal Palm Avenue) and Laiguan Avenue in San Antonio.

In anticipation of disruption during construction, CUC and its contractor will be conducting a public meeting for residents and business owners in the affected areas on May 14, 2014, from 11:30am to 12:30pm at the third floor, Room 17, CUC Main Office in Dandan. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an overview of the project, to outline measures during construction to maintain access and minimize disruption, and answer project related questions. Details concerning traffic impacts, pedestrian control and safety issues will also be discussed.

CUC and its contractor will be working hard and make every reasonable attempt to minimize the inconvenience to the public resulting from this project.

Direct inquiries to project manager Birhen Martinez at (670) 664-4282 Ext. 327. ***(CUC)***

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Fear of economic blow as births drop around world

NEW YORK (AP)—Nancy Strumwasser, a high school teacher from Mountain Lakes, New Jersey, always thought she'd have two children. But the layoffs that swept over the U.S. economy around the time her son was born six years ago helped change her mind. Though she and her husband, a market researcher, managed to keep their jobs, she fears they won't be so fortunate next time.

"After we had a kid in 2009, I thought, `This is not happening again,'" says Strumwasser, 41, adding, "I never really felt comfortable about jobs, how solid they can be."

The 2008 financial crisis did more than wipe out billions in wealth and millions of jobs. It also sent birth rates tumbling around the world as couples found themselves too short of money or too fearful about their finances to have children. Six years later, birth rates haven't bounced back.

For those who fear an overcrowded planet, this is good news. For the economy, not so good.

We tend to think economic growth comes from working harder and smarter. But economists attribute up to a third of it to more people joining the workforce each year than leaving it. The result is more producing, earning and spending.

Now this secret fuel of the economy, rarely missing and little noticed, is running out.

"For the first time since World War II, we're no longer getting a tailwind," says Russ Koesterich, chief investment strategist at BlackRock, the world's largest money manager. "You're going to create fewer jobs. ... All else equal, wage growth will be slower."

Births are falling in China, Japan, the United States, Germany, Italy and nearly all other European countries. Studies have shown that births drop when unemployment rises, such as during the Great Depression of the 1930s. Birth rates have fallen the most in some regions that were hardest hit by the financial crisis.

In the United States, three-quarters of people surveyed by Gallup last year said the main reason couples weren't having more children was a lack of money or fear of the economy.

The trend emerges as a gauge of future economic health—the growth in the pool of potential workers, ages 20-64—is signaling trouble ahead. This labor pool had expanded for decades, thanks to the vast generation of baby boomers. Now the boomers are retiring, and there are barely enough new workers to replace them, let alone add to their numbers.

Growth in the working-age population has halted in developed countries overall. Even in France and the United Kingdom, with relatively healthy birth rates, growth in the labor pool has slowed dramatically. In Japan, Germany and Italy, the labor pool is shrinking.

"It's like health—you only realize it exists until you don't have it," says Alejandro Macarron Larumbe of Demographic Renaissance, a think tank in Madrid.

The drop in birth rates is rooted in the 1960s, when many women entered the workforce for the first time and couples decided to have smaller families. Births did begin rising in many countries in the new millennium. But then the financial crisis struck. Stocks and home values plummeted, blowing a hole in household finances, and tens of millions of people lost jobs. Many couples delayed having children or decided to have none at all.

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Get up-to-date on the latest industry trends and upcoming tourism events during this picturesque slideshow on Saturday evenings at the Taste of the Marianas.
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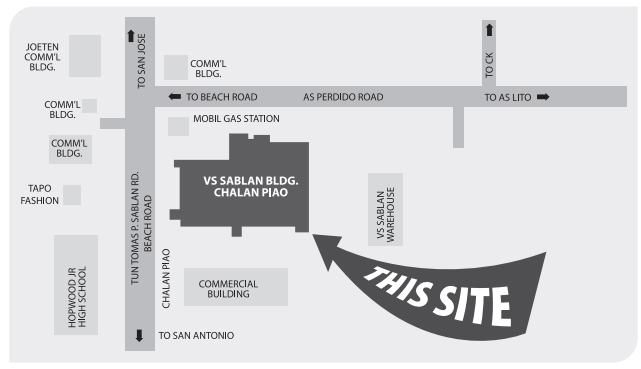

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Nation

House GOP moves toward establishing Benghazi probe

WASHINGTON (AP)—House Republicans on Wednesday moved toward an election-year special investigation of the deadly attack on a U.S. diplomatic post in Libya, brushing aside Democratic concerns over the panel's scope and composition. The Obama administration, meanwhile, accused Republicans of "political motivation" after they issued a fundraising email linked to the Benghazi probe.

Ahead of a vote Thursday to establish the Benghazi select committee, House Speaker John Boehner vowed that the examination would be "all about getting to the truth" of the Obama administration's response to the attack and not be a partisan, election-year circus. "This is a serious investigation," he said, accusing the president and his team of withholding the true story of how militants killed Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans on Sept. 11, 2012.

Democrats pondered a boycott while waiting for Boehner to respond to demand from Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi that he scrap his plan for a committee of seven Republicans and five Democrats. Democrats insisted membership should be evenly split, and urged time and cost constraints for a forum they likened to a "kangaroo court" designed only to drum up GOP support ahead of the November elections.

Under Boehner's legislation, the select panel "can go on forever," Rep. Xavier Becerra, D-Calif., told reporters. "The amount of money they can spend is undefined and can be unlimited."

The committee's establishment is assured in the GOP-run House. But Republicans, too, expressed an interest in securing Democratic participation. They've made Benghazi a central plank of their strategy to wrest control of the Senate from the Democrats later this year. An inquiry that can be presented as bipartisan would have greater credibility with voters beyond the conservative base.

ACROSS THE NATION

Colorado lawmakers approve plan for pot banking

Colorado lawmakers approved the world's first financial system for the marijuana industry Wednesday, a network of uninsured cooperatives designed to give pot businesses a way to access basic banking services. The plan seeks to move the marijuana industry away from its cash-only roots. Banks routinely reject pot businesses for even basic services such as checking accounts because they fear running afoul of federal law, which considers marijuana and its proceeds illegal. The result: Pot shop owners deal in large amounts of cash, which makes them targets for criminals. Or they try to find ways around the problem, like drenching their proceeds in air freshener to remove the stink of marijuana and try to fool traditional banks into accepting their money.

Marathon suspect: Statements should be thrown out

BOSTON (AP)—Lawyers for Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev argued Wednesday that statements he made to authorities after he was arrested should be thrown out because he was questioned for 36 hours in a hospital room while suffering from gunshot wounds and without being told his rights. The lawyers said in a flurry of pretrial court filings that federal agents began questioning Tsarnaev about 20 hours after he arrived at the hospital in critical condition and his statements can't be considered voluntary. Federal investigators questioned him days after last year's deadly bombing without formally telling him of his right to a lawyer under a public safety exception allowed when there's concern about an ongoing threat. But defense attorneys said the questioning continued "despite the fact that he quickly allayed concerns about any continuing threat to public safety, repeatedly asked for a lawyer, and begged to rest." They said his treatment included painkillers that impaired his judgment and increased his susceptibility to pressure.

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Asia

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Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra walk to meet supporters in Bangkok, Thailand Wednesday, May 7, 2014.

Grenade thrown at home of Thai judge

BANGKOK (AP)—A grenade was thrown at the home of a judge on Thailand's Constitutional Court that a day earlier had ousted the country's prime minister for abuse of power, police said Thursday.

Police Col. Kamthorn Auicharoen said that there were no casualties and that the attackers were trying to instigate a situation to further deepen the political conflict. The headquarters of Thailand's major commercial bank and a scientific research facility were also damaged by similar grenades overnight.

The court on Wednesday found Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra guilty of abusing her power by transferring the National Security Council chief in 2011 to another position. It ruled that the transfer was carried out to benefit her politically powerful family and, therefore, violated the constitution—an accusation she has denied.

The ruling accomplished what anti-government demonstrators have sought to do for the past six months and further widening the country's sharp political divide.

Supporters of deposed Yingluck have called for a huge rally Saturday to protest the ruling by the Constitutional Court, which exercised powers laid out in a constitution written by a military government after a coup in 2006.

The leader of the anti-government protesters, Suthep Thaugsuban, meanwhile, told his followers that they would stage a "final offensive" on Friday and would achieve their goal of fully ousting the government.

Vietnam: Chinese ships ram vessels near oil rig

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Chinese ships have been ramming into and firing water cannons at Vietnamese vessels trying to stop Beijing from putting an oil rig in the South China Sea, according to officials and video footage Wednesday, in a dangerous escalation of tensions over waters considered a global flashpoint.

Several boats have been damaged and at least six Vietnamese on board them have been injured, officials said. The United States said it was concerned and accused China of ramping up tensions in the area.

"China's decision to introduce an oil rig accompanied by numerous government vessels for the first time in waters disputed with Vietnam is provocative and raises tensions," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said in a statement. "This unilateral action appears to be part of a broader pattern of Chinese behavior to advance its claims over disputed territory in a manner that undermines peace and stability in the region."

Elsewhere in the sea, the Philippines arrested 11 Chinese fishermen for catching endangered turtles, angering Beijing and further exposing regional strains.

China recently has been harassing Vietnam and Philippine vessels and fishermen in the potentially oil- and gas-rich waters it claims almost entirety—a shaky stance to many international law experts.

But China's deployment of the oil rig on May 1 and the flotilla of escort ships, some armed, is seen as one of its most provocative steps in a gradual campaign of asserting its sovereignty in the South China Sea. With neither country showing any sign of stepping down, the standoff raises the possibility of more serious clashes.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Philippines detains 11 Chinese on fishing charges

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines said Wednesday it seized a Chinese fishing boat and its 11 crewmen on charges of catching endangered sea turtles in disputed South China Sea waters, prompting China to demand their release and accuse Manila of being provocative. The boat was loaded with more than 350 endangered turtles that were confiscated when it was seized near territory known as Half Moon Shoal, Philippine maritime police Chief Superintendent Noel Vargas said. China demanded that the Philippines release the boat, and Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying urged Manila to "stop taking further provocative actions." The Philippine government said its maritime police seized the Chinese fishing boat and apprehended its crewmen "to enforce maritime laws and to uphold Philippine sovereign rights" over its exclusive economic zone.

Head of sunken ferry's owner in S. Korea detained

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean prosecutors on Thursday detained the head of the company that owns the ferry that sank last month over an allegation of cargo overloading. Authorities believe improper stowage and overloading of cargo are one possible reason the ferry sank on April 16, leaving more than 300 people dead or missing. Four employees at the ferry's owner Chonghaejin Marine Co. Ltd, who handled cargo on the Sewol, have already been arrested. Kim Han-sik, president of Chonghaejin, was detained Thursday ahead of his possible formal arrest on allegations that he was aware that the ferry exceeded its cargo limit but didn't do anything before it started it trip, according to senior prosecutor Yang Jung-jin.

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World

Islamic militant attack in Nigeria kills hundreds

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—Islamic militants who have triggered international outrage over the kidnapping of more than 270 Nigerian schoolgirls opened fire on a busy marketplace, killing hundreds of people in a new spasm of violence in the country's northeast.

The attack escalates Nigeria's growing crisis from a campaign of bombings, massacres and abductions being waged by the Boko Haram terrorist network in its campaign to impose an Islamic state on Africa's most populous nation.

As many as 300 people were killed in the assault late Monday on the town of Gamboru Ngala on Nigeria's border with Cameroon. The extremists opened fire on a marketplace bustling with shoppers taking advantage of the cooler nighttime temperatures in the semi-desert region, then rampaged through the town for 12 hours, setting houses ablaze and shooting those who tried to escape.

AP

This file image made available Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2012, taken from video posted by Boko Haram sympathizers, shows the leader of the radical Islamist sect Imam Abubakar Shekau.

The attack and hundreds of casualties were confirmed by Borno state information commissioner Mohammed Bulama, who spoke to The Associated Press by telephone Wednesday.

Nigerian federal Senator Ahmed Zannah blamed fighters of the Boko Haram terrorist network that has claimed responsibility for the April 15 kidnapping of 276 teenage girls from their boarding school in Chibok, in northeastern Borno state. The insurgents threatened to sell the young women into slavery in a video seen by AP.

Outrage over the missing girls and the government's failure to rescue them brought angry Nigerian protesters into the streets this week in an embarrassment for the government of President Goodluck Jonathan, who had hoped to showcase the country's emergence as Africa's largest economy as it hosted the Africa meeting of the World Economic Forum, the continent's version of Davos.

Offers of international assistance have poured in, with the Obama administration announcing Tuesday it was sending personnel and equipment to help Nigerian security forces in their search for the girls in the vast Sambisa Forest. Jonathan confirmed that he has accepted the American assistance, which the Pentagon said Wednesday will help with communications, logistics and intelligence planning, but will not include any military operations.

Britain and China announced Wednesday that Nigeria has accepted their offers of help, and France said it was sending in a "specialized team" to help with search and rescue of the girls.

"In the face of such an appalling act, France, like other democratic nations, must react," French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said. "This crime will not go unpunished."

Putin: Troops have pulled back from Ukraine border

By PETER LEONARD and JIM HEINTZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)—Russian President Vladimir Putin softened his tone in the confrontation with the West on Wednesday, declaring that Russia has pulled its troops away from the Ukrainian border and calling for a delay of Sunday's referendum on autonomy in Ukraine's restive east.

Putin

But there were no immediate signs that either move was truly happening or that they would cool the Ukrainian crisis. NATO and Washington said they saw no indication of a Russian pullback, and the pro-Russia insurgents behind the referendum have not agreed to go along with Putin's proposal.

In a Moscow meeting with Swiss President Didier Burkhalter, Putin said Russian troops have been pulled back to their training grounds and locations for "regular exercises," but he did not specify whether those locations were in areas near its border with Ukraine.

A Russian Defense Ministry spokesman declined to say where the troops were now positioned.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the U.S. had "no evidence" of a pullback, and NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen told reporters that the alliance had "not seen any sign that Russia is withdrawing its troops."

Putin also reiterated Russia's demand that Ukraine's military halt all operations against the pro-Russia activists who have seized government buildings and police stations in at least a dozen towns in eastern Ukraine.

Syria rebels surrender strongholds in Homs

BEIRUT (AP)—Carrying their rifles and small bags of belongings, hundreds of exhausted Syrian rebels withdrew Wednesday from their last remaining strongholds in the heart of Homs, surrendering to President Bashar Assad a blood-stained city that was once the center of the revolt against him.

For Assad, it is a powerful victory ahead of presidential elections. For the rebels, the dramatic exit after two years of enduring grueling assaults and siege captures their sense of abandonment amid world reluctance to help shift the balance of power on the ground.

"We ate grass and leaves until there was nothing left for us to eat," said opposition activist Abu Yassin al-Homsi, who was preparing to leave with the rebels later Wednesday. "We kept urging the international community to lift the siege but there was no response," he added.

The exit of some 1,200 fighters and civilians marks a de-facto end of the rebellion in the war shattered city, which was one of the first places to rise up against Assad's rule, earning its nickname as "the capital of the revolution."

Gaining virtually full control of Syria's third largest city is a major win for Assad on multiple levels. Militarily, it solidifies the government hold on a swath of territory in central Syria, linking the capital Damascus with government strongholds along the coast and giving a staging ground to advance against rebel territory further north.

Politically, gains on the ground boost Assad's hold on power as he seeks to add a further claim of legitimacy in presidential elections set for June 3, which Western powers and the opposition have dismissed as a farce.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-14-015

UTILITY RATE & FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide Utility Rate and Financial Consulting Services.

The requested Utility Rate and Financial Services will assist CUC in revising the charge schedules for electricity, water and wastewater by conducting the appropriate rate studies and developing the related cost of service models. In addition to these base rate activities, CUC will also require assistance with periodic reviews of its levelized energy adjustment clause (LEAC) rates, water electric charge (WEC) rates, and wastewater electric charge (WWEC) rates. During the two year term of this contract, CUC anticipates filing 3 base rate cases (one each year for electric, water and wastewater) and at least four periodic reviews of the LEAC, WEC, and WWEC. Preparation of testimony and appearance at public hearings will also be required. Ad hoc rate related studies may also be requested from time to time.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 for one RFP package set. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by May 16, 2014 to be considered.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on May 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP 14-015, Utility Rate and Financial Consulting Services to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 4, 2014. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

All Offerors are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible proposers for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Proposers shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing proposers.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes which will become the obligation of the proposer awarded a contract.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 16, 2014 to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, CUC Procurement & Supply via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email address charles.warren@cucgov.org

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAN
Manager, Procurement & Supply

Off the Wall

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Schools boss says New Jersey class prank overblown

TEANECK, N.J. (AP)—The head of a New Jersey school district where more than 60 students were arrested after being accused of pulling a senior class prank says their antics were overblown in the media. Teaneck Superintendent Barbara Pinsak issued a statement Friday saying janitors cleaning Teaneck High School found no evidence to back up initial police reports students had urinated in the hallways. Teaneck police haven't responded to Pinsak's comments. Pinsak says there was no damage to school property and the cleanup consisted of removing petroleum jelly from doorknobs, sweeping floors of debris and removing graffiti. She says the district doesn't condone the students' behavior but exaggerated reports of mayhem "misrepresent" their school and community. Sixty-three high school seniors were charged with burglary and criminal mischief.

Cops: High driver calls 911 to report hit-and-run

LIVINGSTON, N.Y. (AP)—State police in New York say an Albany man was high on drugs when he called 911 to report that his vehicle had been sideswiped on a highway. Troopers say the other driver was drunk. Police say 38-year-old Malcolm Sidbury was driving south on the Taconic Parkway in Columbia County on Wednesday when he told dispatchers his car had been hit by another vehicle that didn't stop. Troopers spotted the vehicles and stopped both. They determined Sidbury was driving while impaired by drugs and that the other driver, 57-year-old Thomas Robbins, of Poughkeepsie, was driving while intoxicated. Police say Robbins' blood-alcohol content was .25 percent, more than three times the legal limit. Both men were issued tickets.

Whale washes up in New Jersey, gets graffiti tag

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)—A dead Minke whale that washed ashore in New Jersey suffered some further indignity: someone tagged it with graffiti. The whale, which was roughly 12 to 15 feet long, was discovered Thursday morning below Atlantic City's Central Pier. Police tell The Press of Atlantic City the purple markings are not gang-related and appear to be Greek letters. The letters appeared to be Tau Epsilon Phi, a fraternity that has chapters at several area schools, followed by what looked like "94." Spokesman Jesse Cohen says while it has not been confirmed that Tau Epsilon Phi members were involved, the fraternity considers it a "reprehensible act" contrary to its teachings and is cooperating with authorities.

Squirrel goes nuts on Maine teenager taking selfie

AUBURN, Maine (AP)—A photo op with a squirrel that went awry has left a teenager flustered but unhurt. Seventeen-year-old Brian Genest, of Auburn, said Thursday he saw what appeared to be a friendly squirrel on a hand rail while walking through John Chestnut Park near Tampa, Florida. He was on a trip looking at colleges. Genest took a selfie of himself and the squirrel. But the flash and noises from his camera phone scared the squirrel, which climbed under his shirt and hung onto his back before scampering out. "He was just in that spot where my arm can't reach him," Genest said. "I threw myself on the ground, and that scared him off." Genest's mother, Paula Wright, snapped photos of the hoopla, originally posted to his Instagram feed along with his selfie. Genest had approached the squirrel making clicking sounds with his tongue to get closer. His mother said the spectacle Saturday taught him a lesson. "I think he got a little lesson from the squirrel that he's not really its buddy," she said. She said neither her son nor the squirrel was harmed.

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Interested individuals or firms may pick up the Scope of Work at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, beginning Friday, May 2, 2014 during regular business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday through Friday except CNMI holidays. A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be held at the NMHC Conference Room located in the Garapan, Saipan, on Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. Inquiries may be directed to Jocelyn C. Seman, Office Manager, at telephone nos. 670.234-6866/7689 during regular business hours.

The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal in the best interest of the NMHC and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Chairwoman of the Board

/s/ Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

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Open House Meeting
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The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is considering whether certain species in the Mariana Islands warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act through listing and critical habitat.

The Service is holding an Open House meeting to provide information on 23 species located in Guam and the CNMI that are under consideration for listing as either endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, 16 (9 plants and 7 animals) of which are found in the CNMI. The information meeting will provide an opportunity for interested parties to learn about the process for the proposed listing and critical habitat rule, and for Service personnel to answer questions from interested parties.

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SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES (MOWING, TRIMMING AND CLEANING OF GROUNDS) PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-011-14

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for grounds maintenance services of the International Airport on the Island of Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Proposal Package will be available at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building beginning **May 09, 2014.**

All Proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: **"Proposal for Grounds Maintenance Services (mowing, trimming and cleaning of grounds of the Saipan International Airport)-Project NO. CPA-RFP-011-14"**. One (1) original and two (2) copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than **2:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME, June 06th, 2014**, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport.

Proposer will be required to obtain insurance policies based on CPA's requirements.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at the CPA Conference Room, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, Departure Building at 10:00 a.m., **Wednesday, May 21st, 2014**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. Questions must be in writing and faxed to the Executive Director's Office at (670)234-5962 or via email at cpa.admin@pticom.com at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals: or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding proposal rejection or cancellation; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

CPA assumes no responsibilities in any act of omission on the part of offerer due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of offerer's preparation of the proposal or supply under the contract. This **RFP** does not commit CPA to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Proposer will be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal laws. This RFP and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CPA Procurement Regulations.

All Proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Proposals received after the aforementioned date and time will not be accepted under any circumstances.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director

Date: April 30, 2014

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PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF PTZ CAMERAS AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-010-14/PORT OF ROTA

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the procurement, installation & commissioning of PTZ cameras and security and surveillance systems at the Port of Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Proposal Package and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning May 09, 2014 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement, Installation & Commissioning of PTZ cameras and Surveillance System, Project No. CPA-RFP-010-14" (Port of Rota). One original and four copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, June 13, 2014, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All Proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held in Rota on May 23, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Benjamin Manglona Rota International Airport (CPA) conference room. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only those vendors present at the pre-proposal conference will be allowed to submit proposals. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the conference or may be requested by making appointments with the CPA Rota Ports Manager to ensure that proposers submitting a proposal are aware of the general area where the surveillance cameras are to be installed.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejections or cancellations; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

This Project is funded by the 2012 Port Security Grant Program and CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
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PROCUREMENT, INSTALLATION & COMMISSIONING OF PTZ CAMERAS AND SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM PROJECT NO. CPA-RFP-009-14/PORT OF TINIAN

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) is soliciting sealed proposals for the procurement, installation & commissioning of PTZ cameras and security and surveillance systems at the Port of Tinian Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Proposal Package and other considerations will be available for pick up beginning April 30, 2014 at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd Floor of the Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposal for Procurement, Installation & Commissioning of PTZ cameras and Surveillance System, Project No. CPA-RFP-009-14" (Port of Tinian). One original and four copies of the proposal must be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. LOCAL TIME, May 30, 2014, to the Office of the Executive Director at the Saipan International Airport. All Proposals shall become the property of the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-proposal conference will be held in Tinian on May 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at Tinian Airport CPA office. Attendance at this pre-proposal conference is mandatory and only those vendors present at the pre-proposal conference will be allowed to submit proposals. A site visit will be conducted immediately after the conference or may be requested by making appointments with the CPA Tinian Ports Manager to ensure that proposers submitting a proposal are aware of the general area where the cameras are to be installed.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Request for Proposals; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejections or cancellations; or (c) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA.

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FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS CUC-RFSOQ-14-017

DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, SURVEYING, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION, AND OTHER A&E PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR VARIOUS COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified engineering consulting firms for the following purposes: Designing water and wastewater infrastructure including but not limited to water main, sewer main (gravity and pressure), lift stations, booster pumping stations, water storage reservoirs, treatment works, upgrades to existing facilities; providing construction management services including but not limited to submittal review, clarification and technical assistance related to contract plans and specifications, field engineering due to changes in conditions during construction, construction inspection, review of partial payment requests; surveying; and other related engineering services on various CUC Water and Wastewater Projects on the Islands of Saipan, Rota and Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFSOQ package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFSOQ package set. Prospective engineering consulting firms for this RFSOQ must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by May 30, 2014 to be considered.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on May 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFSOQ-14-017, Request for Statements of Qualifications"* to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 9, 2014**. Statements of Qualifications mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

All qualified engineering consulting firms are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the engineering consulting firm due to lack of information or understanding of the RFSOQ requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a SOQ under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible/ qualified engineering consulting firms for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All qualified engineering consulting firms shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from the SOQ submitted by competing qualified engineering consulting firms.

This RFSOQ does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of statements of qualifications in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC procurement regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable federal regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective respondents and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 22, 2014 to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Chief Engineer, CUC Water/Wastewater Division via email address john.riegel@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all SOQ for any reason and to waive any defects in said RFSOQ, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All SOQ shall become the property of CUC.

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Science & Technology

Researcher: Technology not to blame for teen woes

By LEANNE ITALIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP)—Danah Boyd has made a name for herself at the research division of Microsoft for painstaking work examining social media, Big Data and the tension between public and private lives, but it's her teens'-eye view of the digital world that sets her apart.

Now, Boyd has written her first book, "It's Complicated: The Social Lives of Networked Teens," out in February from Yale University Press and available for free on her website, Danah.org. Earlier this year, she added another accomplishment to her list: mom.

AP: What do parents need to understand about the online lives of teens?

Boyd: They need to realize that young people are doing the same things online as we all did as kids in other places where we gathered with our friends. They're hanging out. They're messing around with each other. They're socializing. They're flirting. They're gossiping. They're joking around, and much of this is perfectly reasonable teen stuff. Some of it is problematic. Some of it is glorious.

But the kinds of places young people used to gather are no longer accessible for a variety of reasons. The first is a level of fear and anxiety that exists, the result of 24-7 news, where there's a sense that there's terrible things happening to kids everywhere. We've transferred all that fear and anxiety to their online lives, but to them it's a release valve, to finally find a place where they can hang out. It's not that they're addicted to the technology. It's that they want a place where their friends are.

AP: You write that too many young people live genuinely high-risk lives, but you conclude that most of those risks do not originate with technology. Can you explain?

Boyd: There are young people who are living high-risk lives, period, end of story. They are being abused every day at home. There are young people who are struggling with poverty, with addiction, with mental health struggles. They make that visible online.

One of the challenges becomes how do we intervene to help them? Unfortunately what we tend to do is we try to make the Internet go away instead. We hope that if we make the visibility go away, the problem will go away. But that's not true.

AP: Why do young people share so publicly?

Boyd: Young people are trying to be IN public, but that doesn't mean that they want to BE public, and that distinction is really important. There's a mistaken understanding that they want everything about themselves to be recorded forever, and that's not true at all.

They're really frustrated when all of this material is stored away and gets them into trouble. Young people face an unprecedented level of surveillance. Not just by the institutions of power, but by their parents. Most of them are sitting there going, `Why do these people feel like they have a right to be in my business?'

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In Re The Matter Of The Petition To Appoint General Guardianship For:	) FCD GU) CIVIL ACTION) NO. 14-0190
C. M. S. (7/8/2004) Minor Child, By: Recky Jack Petitioner	) **NOTICE OF HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on May 15, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before the Honorable Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 25th day of April, 2014.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

The myth of flash drives losing data

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I read that one organized way to back up data is to download a year's worth of material to a single USB flash drive and label it. But when I was at a computer store, the clerk warned me that if I didn't plug the flash drive into my computer at least once every six months, the data on it would eventually disappear. Have you heard of this?

ANSWER: This is mostly nonsense. The data you've saved on a flash drive should be safe for several years.

So, why did the clerk tell you that? There is a theory that inactive flash drives will eventually lose their stored electrical charge, and thus their stored data, over a period of several years. But there aren't any reliable statistics about how many years it would take. And there's absolutely no evidence that it would happen in six months.

What's more, the fix the store worker suggested wouldn't work. Simply plugging the flash drive into your computer wouldn't renew the electrical charges on the flash drive's stored data and extend its lifetime. What would help, if you have a newer flash drive, is to periodically store new data on it. When new flash drives store data, they also move existing data to different parts of the drive so that the flash memory wears evenly. That renews the electrical charge of that data and extends its life.

A more practical concern is preparing for when your flash drive becomes obsolete and can't be read by future computers. For example, you'd have a tough time finding a PC today that will read a floppy disk. To avoid this problem, copy the data from your flash drive to a newer storage medium in a couple of years.

Q: A sales person recently told me that Apple computers don't need any antivirus or firewall software protection. Is this correct?

A: It's only partly true. A decade ago, Macintosh computers had such a small share of the personal computer market (less than 5 percent) that hackers didn't bother to write malware for them. But that's changing now that Macs make up 9.3 percent of the U.S. personal computer market (as of the fourth quarter of 2013, according to research firm IDC).

As a result, there are Mac security programs such as AVG LinkScanner for Mac (tells you if a website contains malware); Avast Free Antivirus for Mac; McAfee All Access (protects Macs and PCs against malware) and Norton Antivirus for Mac.

The iPhone and iPad still are relatively immune to malicious software, but there have been lapses. In February, a security flaw in the Macintosh, iPhone and iPad operating systems made them vulnerable to hackers when those devices were used with unprotected public Wi-Fi networks for Internet access. Apple issued software fixes (see http://tinyurl.com/ko4bjkx and http://tinyurl.com/nxjnetx). and http://tinyurl.com/nxjnetx).

Steve Alexander covers technology for the Minneapolis Star Tribune.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estate of, JESUS BASA BLAS and SOLEDAD ACOSTA BLAS, Deceased.	) CIVIL ACTION) NO. 14-0103) **NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that BankPacific, Ltd., has filed a Petition for Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Jesus Basa Blas and Soledad Acosta Blas, Deceased; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at the hour of 1:30 p.m.

Notice is also given to all heirs of and persons having claims against the Estates of Jesus Basa Blas and Soledad Acosta Blas, and to all persons claiming in said Estates, that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of this Court within sixty (60) days from the date of first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claims should be provided to Michael A. White, Esq., the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Post Office Box 5222 CHRB, Saipan, MP 96950, Attorney for Petitioner. All claims not so filed shall be forever barred.

DATED: May 05, 2014

/s/Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION AND CHANGE OF NAME OF: R.J.A.R., Minor Child, Adoptee; By: ROBERT W. RUSSELL and NANCY A. RUSSELL, Petitioners.	) FCD AD) CIVIL ACTION) NO. 14-0197

NOTICE OF HEARING

Please take notice that at 1:30 p.m., June 23, 2014, or as soon thereafter as can be heard, this Court will hold a hearing at the Superior Court in Susupe, Saipan for the specific purpose of:

1. Determining whether a decree of adoption of minor child, Rhine Jaydel A. Russell should be granted to petitioners herein.
2. Affording any party adversely affected an opportunity to be heard.

Dated this 29th day of April, 2014.

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court
Superior Court

Life & Style

Bearded drag queen in Eurovision spotlight

AP

Singer Conchita Wurst representing Austria performs the song ' Rise Like a Phoenix' during a rehearsal for the second semifinal of the Eurovision Song Contest in the B&W Halls in Copenhagen, Denmark, Wednesday, May 7, 2014.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP)—When Austria's entry takes the stage Thursday at the Eurovision Song Contest in Copenhagen, the spotlight will slowly reveal a lone figure with wide sensual eyes, glossy painted lips, high cheekbones—and a man's full dark beard.

Conchita Wurst—the alter ego of 25-year-old Austrian Thomas Neuwirth—already has shocked audiences by challenging stereotypes of masculine and feminine beauty with the song "Rise like a Phoenix."

Pushing the boundaries of gender identity is nothing new at Europe's annual song contest—an extravaganza known for its eclectic, sometimes-unlistenable lineup of techno beats, love songs and pop tunes. But the backlash this year against Wurst highlights a rift between Europe's progressive liberal side and the traditional values and nationalist rhetoric of Russia and other nations taking part.

Amid growing tensions over the Ukraine crisis, some in eastern Europe have blasted Wurst as an example of the West's decadence. Activists in Belarus have even urged the country's state television network to edit the Austrian entry out of its Eurovision broadcast.

Russian legislator Vitaly Milonov accused the Austrian performer of "blatant propaganda of homosexuality and spiritual decay."

"I can only say 'Thank you for your attention!' If this is only about me and my person, I can live with it,'" Wurst said about her critics in emails Wednesday with The Associated Press.

"You know, I have a very thick skin. It's just strange that a little facial hair causes that much excitement. I also have to add that 80 percent of the autograph requests that I get are from Russia and eastern Europe—and that's what is important to me," she said.

Lisanne Wilken, an anthropologist at Aarhus University in Denmark, said the criticism against Wurst would have been trivial if it weren't for the Russian law last year prohibiting so-called gay "propaganda."

She noted there's been a lot of "transsexuals, transvestites and drags" in the Eurovision Song Contest, including Israel's 1998 winner Dana International, who had male-to-female gender reassignment surgery several years before competing.

The European Broadcasting Union, which organizes the event, has not received any formal complaints from the participating broadcasters, spokesman Jarmo Siim said. A national broadcaster is not allowed to edit out the live coverage, according to the EBU.

Neuwirth, who was born in Gmunden, central Austria, entered show business eight years ago, taking part in an Austrian TV talent show. After joining a boy band that quickly broke up, Neuwirth first appeared as Wurst in another Austrian talent show in 2011. She also took part in two reality shows, including one where candidates had to survive in the Namibian desert together with native tribes.

As she prepared for her performance in Copenhagen, Wurst said she wasn't paying much attention to the controversy about her.

"Hey, I'm just a singer in a fabulous dress, with great hair and a beard," Wurst told AP.

The annual competition is supposed to be completely removed from politics. Neither Russia's entry—teenage twins Anastasia and Maria Tolmachevy—nor Ukraine's Mariya Yaremchuk, whose routine includes a dancer running in a giant hamster wheel, allude to the recent tensions between Moscow and Kiev.

However, the Ukraine crisis has raised anew questions about the competition's scoring, which is partly done by phone voting across Europe.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

UK tabloid apologizes, pays damages to JK Rowling

LONDON (AP)—A British tabloid has apologized and paid damages to "Harry Potter" author J.K. Rowling over an article about her time as a single mother. Rowling brought a libel case against the Daily Mail after it alleged in an article in September that she told a false "sob story" on how people at her church stigmatized and taunted her for being a single mother on welfare. The newspaper report was based on an essay Rowling wrote for a charity describing her experiences some 20 years ago. The paper printed an apology Wednesday stating that Rowling in fact did not make any false claims. The paper said it had agreed to pay unspecified "substantial damages" and legal costs to Rowling, who will donate the money to charity.

Miley Cyrus plays London after canceled tour dates

LONDON (AP)—Saying she's back on top form, Miley Cyrus resumed her Bangerz tour in London after a series of canceled shows. The 21-year-old pop star delayed her U.S. dates until August after treatment for a sinus infection went awry and last week postponed two European shows. Cyrus says she suffered a severe allergic reaction to antibiotics. But she told reporters she was "the poster child for good health" before performing at London's O2 Arena on Tuesday.

"I've been laying down for three weeks. I'm gonna go off—I'm like a star waiting to explode," she said. The former child star, who has garnered mixed reviews for her risque adult image, gave an energetic performance complete with crotch-grabbing, erotically tinged choreography and a ride on a giant hot dog. Songs ranged from Cyrus' hits "We Can't Stop" and "Wrecking Ball" to covers of Bob Dylan's "When You Go" and Dolly Parton's "Jolene."

Kristin Cavallari and Jay Cutler welcome 2nd son

NEW YORK (AP)—Kristin Cavallari and Jay Cutler have added another boy to their team. The couple welcomed a son Wednesday named Jaxon Wyatt, her publicist confirms. Cavallari posted about the birth on her official Twitter account. 27-year-old Cavallari and the 31-year-old Chicago Bears quarterback are already the parents to a 20-month-old son, Camden. The couple married last summer in Nashville. Cavallari starred in the MTV reality series "Laguna Beach" as a teenager and then joined its spinoff "The Hills" when Lauren Conrad left the show. She now co-hosts the E! lifestyle series "The Fabulist."

Lions Gate to develop Power Rangers movie

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hollywood is taking another stab at bringing the Power Rangers to the big screen, two decades after the last movie flopped at the box office. Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. says it's partnering with Haim Saban's Saban Entertainment to produce a live-action feature film based on the spandex-wearing, martial arts superheroes who are usually called upon to save the world. Saban said in a statement Wednesday that Lions Gate, the maker of young adult blockbuster series "Twilight" and "The Hunger Games," is the "perfect home" for the Power Rangers. The last time the morphing teenage characters appeared in a movie was 1997 for "Turbo: A Power Rangers Movie," which grossed a dismal $8.1 million in the U.S. The Power Rangers have been on U.S. television since 1993.

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Daily Mass of Intention is at 6:00pm followed immediately by the Holy Rosary at St. Jude Church, Koblerville, Saipan

On Friday, May 9, 2014, Sr. Veronica will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 9:00am for responso, lisayo, and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed by interment services at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

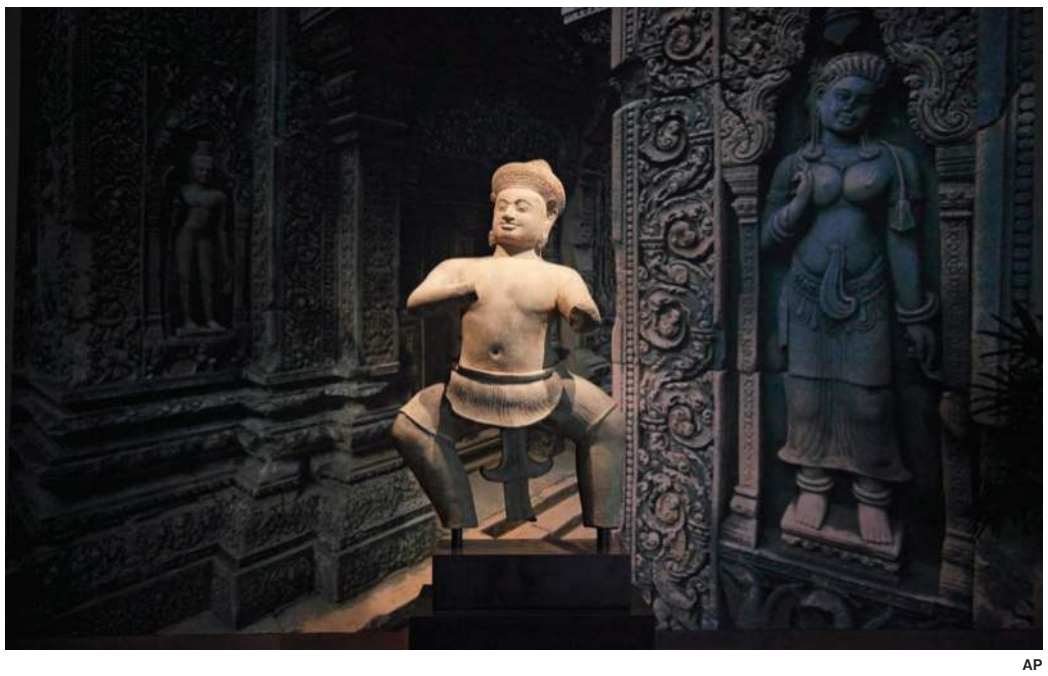
California museum to return statue to Cambodia

PASADENA, Calif. (AP)—The Norton Simon Museum has agreed to return a 10th century statue that may have been looted from a Cambodian temple during that country's genocidal civil war in the 1970s.

"Temple Wrestler," a sandstone figure missing its hands and feet, has been displayed at the museum for nearly four decades. The 5-foot-high work depicts Bhima, a heroic figure in the Hindu epic Mahabharata, in a fighting pose.

The sculpture is one of three being returned to Cambodia from the U.S.

Museum officials met with Cambodian officials earlier this year and are returning the statue "as a gesture of friendship, and in response to a unique and compelling request by top officials



AP

This Wednesday, Dec. 18, 2013 file photo shows Cambodia's statue of a temple wrestler, titled Bhima, is on display at the Norton Simon Museum in Pasadena, Calif.

in Cambodia to help rebuild its 'soul' as a nation," the Pasadena museum said Tuesday in a statement that was given to The Associated Press on Wednesday.

"The Norton Simon properly acquired the Bhima from a reputable art dealer in New York in 1976," the museum said. "However, the facts about the Bhima's provenance prior to the dealer's ownership are unclear because of the chaotic wartime conditions in Cambodia during the 1970s."

Cambodian officials believe it was looted from the 1,000-year-old Prasat Chen temple. Arrangements for the return will be announced at a later date.

As part of the return agreement, Cambodia will periodically loan other ancient statues to the museum, the Norton Simon said.

The decision marks the latest progress in efforts to bring back together nine figures that once formed a tableau in a tower of the temple. The scene captured a famous duel in Hindu mythology in which the warrior Duryodhana is struck down by his cousin Bhima at the end of a bloody war of succession while seven attendants look on.

Experts say that looters hacked the figures off their bases during the civil war. Some were apparently smuggled out of the country and eventually wound up in the hands of private collectors or in museums abroad, as did many statues from other temples that the Cambodian government now hopes to reclaim.

The figures of three onlookers to the duel are now in Cambodia, including two that were returned in June by New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Sotheby's auction house has agreed to return the footless figure of Duryodhana, valued at $2 million to $3 million, which was placed in Sotheby's catalog in 2011 after the widow of its former private Belgian owner gave it up for sale. Sotheby's later pulled it from its catalog.

Last year, the auction house agreed to surrender the statue, settling a lawsuit filed by the U.S. government on Cambodia's behalf.

Also, Christie's auction house will return a statue of the mythological figure Pandava.

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Picasso's 'The Rescue' auctioned for $31.5M

NEW YORK (AP)—Pablo Picasso's colorful 1932 oil painting "The Rescue" sold for $31.5 million at a New York auction Wednesday, far exceeding its $14 million to $18 million estimate.

"The Rescue" led the bidding at a Sotheby's sale of impressionist and modern art. The auction house sold 50 pieces, raising about $219 million.

It was the second straight night a painting by the Cubist master changed hands for a big price. Picasso's 1942 painting of his mistress in a purple dress titled "Portrait of Dora Maar" sold Tuesday for $22.5 million at Christie's.

Henri Matisse's "Morning Session," a 1924 oil of the artist's assistant, Henriette Darricarrere, sold for $19.2 million on Wednesday.

Claude Monet's "Japanese Bridge" went for $15.8 million while his "On the Cliff at Pourville" netted $8.2 million.

Wednesday's sale featured four sculptures and an oil painting by Alberto Giacometti. His multi-figural sculpture "City Square" sold for $13 million. Another sculpture, "Woman of Venice V" fetched $8.8 million.

Sotheby's also has three works by Joan Miro that languished in a New York vault for 50 years. The Spanish artist created them for the filmmaker and photographer Thomas Bouchard and his daughter Diane.

"Untitled, 1947," depicting colorful anthropomorphic forms on a rich blue background, sold for $8 million.

The other two Miro works are set to go under the hammer at Sotheby's day sale Thursday.

The prices included the buyer's premium.

The spring auction season in New York shifted to Sotheby's after an auction Tuesday at Christie's, which featured works from the estates of heiress Huguette Clark, businessman Edgar Bronfman and other collectors.

That sale raised more than $285 million, including $27 million for a Claude Monet painting that has not been publicly exhibited since 1926.

Next week, both auction houses are offering works by postwar and contemporary artists.

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Rogen, Efron wage comic war in 'Neighbors'

By JOCELYN NOVECK
AP NATIONAL WRITER

This image released by Universal Pictures shows Zac Efron in a scene from "Neighbors." AP

MOVIE REVIEW

If ever two genres of film were inextricably intertwined, it would seem to be the frat house movie and the gross-out comedy. After all, do frats ever do anything that's NOT gross? Not in the movies, they don't.

"Neighbors," starring (and produced by) Seth Rogen and directed by Nicholas Stoller, proudly straddles these two genres and boldly tosses in a third: The "We've-just-become-parents, NOW-what?" movie. You know these: Baby arrives, cute as a button but bringing ALL kinds of trouble, and then things are resolved in a syrupy sweet finale.

It's safe to say that syrupy sweetness is not a problem with "Neighbors." In fact, it is noisy, crude, profane, gross, and sometimes mean. Luckily, it's also extremely funny, and you'll realize by the end that it has some heart, too.

Most importantly, what it may suffer in narrative coherence it makes up for with a first-rate cast—the reliably funny Rogen, the game-for-anything Rose Byrne, and in the most pleasant surprise, a truly excellent Zac Efron as an immature, narcissistic, vindictive and, by the way, unbelievably buff frat leader whose obnoxious brio might just be masking deeper issues. (Zac, as a parent who had to watch the "High School Musical" films at least 400 times, maybe more, let me just say: I forgive you now.)

Rogen plays Mac Radner, a young father who clearly hasn't smoothly completed his transition to adulthood. He still dreams of the epic partying he once engaged in. And so does his wife, Kelly (Byrne, beautiful as always, and energetically foul-mouthed here.) When a friend suggests an evening at a rave, Kelly and Mac want to go so badly, they decide to bring baby. But they spend so much energy gathering up the stroller, the car seat, the breast pump and the cooler, that they collapse in a heap by the front door. Parenthood ain't easy.

Still, the couple's doing pretty well in their new suburban digs. Until Delta Psi moves in. Right next door.

At first, Mac and Kelly try to make nice with the frat's leader, Teddy (Efron), who's such a fine physical specimen that Mac calls him "something a gay guy designed in a lab." Debating the least geeky way to say "could ya keep it down?" they head next door, and end up partying all night, just to show how cool they are. But soon, the noise is too much, and they're calling the cops. The war is on.

The script by Andrew J. Cohen and Brendan O'Brien misses no opportunity to mine frat-film clichés. Beer pong? Check. Stunts involving dildos? Check. But it's quite well done, thanks to the nimble comic instincts of Rogen, Byrne, Efron and also Dave Franco as Pete, Teddy's right-hand man at the frat, who unlike his buddy, actually seems to be aiming for a productive future. (Lisa Kudrow, in a small role as a college official, is reliably zany.)

Occasionally the humor goes awry—or just too far. A baby munching on a used condom? "What's that you have there, sweetie, a balloon?" Mac asks. (Cue the delighted groans in the multiplex.) Maybe the joke could have stopped there. But it doesn't.

And how about the visual gag involving, well, a nursing woman's breasts? Was that really necessary?

On a brighter note, there's a priceless bit in which Mac and Teddy bond by trading inter-generational "Batman" impressions: Teddy does Christian Bale, and Mac does Michael Keaton. Another fun scene involves the frat guys trying their hand at Robert de Niro impressions.

At a certain point, the movie starts to feel like an extended "Saturday Night Live" skit, with not much concern for narrative progression. But few people will complain.

And a closing scene that was improvised, placing a shirtless Rogen and Efron in front of an Abercombie & Fitch store, is not only funny but surprisingly touching. It helps that Efron looks exactly like an Abercrombie model.

Again, nobody will complain.

"Neighbors," a Universal Studios release, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America "for pervasive language, strong crude and sexual content, graphic nudity, and drug use throughout." Running time: 96 minutes. Three stars out of four.

Original 'Born to Run' lyrics on display at Duke

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—Bruce Springsteen wasn't thinking about Wendy when he wrote a first draft of his 1975 classic "Born to Run." Instead, he's got a gold Chevy 6 on his mind, according to the original lyrics, which make their public debut this week at Duke University.

The 30 lines of lyrics, written in pen on a piece of 8.5.-by-11-inch lined paper, were purchased last December at a Sotheby's auction by Floyd Bradley, a California man whose daughter graduates this weekend from Duke, as does Springsteen's daughter.

Bradley, 62, a retired computer software marketer who spent much of his life in London, paid $160,000 plus a commission, bringing the total to $197,000. "It was a lot. I was embarrassed to tell my children," he said. "But they were very supportive after I told them."

He bought them as an investment, he said. "It's a piece of Americana, I think."

The original lyrics, written in 1974, in Long Branch, New Jersey, bear little resemblance to the anthem that Springsteen typically plays each concert with the house lights on and the audience on its feet. But that familiar chorus of "tramps like us/baby we were born to run" is there as is a part that ended up much like the final version: "this town'll rip the bones from your back/it's A suicide trap/ your dead unless you get out while your young."

The "everlasting kiss" is there: "I was headin for the place where wild Angels die in An everlasting (or) neverending kiss."

But there's no mention of dying with Wendy during that kiss or of guarding Wendy's dreams and visions. Instead, Springsteen "looked out cross my hood + saw the highway buckle neath the wheels of A gold Chevy 6." The car got a second mention a few lines down: "Baby out there heroes are crushed to death behind the wheels of a gold Chevy 6."

In the margins, he's written words such as "wild angels," "Stroll on!" and "the rebels."

"Something as iconic as this song, it's going to be important to American history," said Duke University exhibit librarian Meg Brown, who found 25 books about Springsteen, mostly academic, in Duke's collections. "It came in at a time with a lot of change in American history and it made a significant difference."

Bradley's life has intersected with Springsteen's at times. His mother, Carol, lived beside Springsteen's mother, Adele. When the family sold Carol Bradley's house, Springsteen bought it for his mother-in-law. And Bradley met Springsteen once when he took something to Adele Springsteen and she invited him to meet her son, who was visiting.

Carol Bradley also wrote and sang a song titled "The Big 50" for Springsteen's 50th birthday, and Springsteen played the recording of Carol Bradley singing the song at a concert in Philadelphia in 1999.

Bradley's daughter, Melissa, graduates this weekend from Duke as does Jessica Springsteen. He hasn't reached out to Springsteen to set up a meeting, however. "But I might bump into him ..." Bradley said.

The lyrics will be displayed starting Thursday and continuing through Saturday at the Perkins Library. Then the sheet will move to the David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library at Perkins from May 12 to June 27.

Husband's absence gives wife a taste of freedom from abuse

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: I'm a 27-year-old woman trapped in a loveless marriage. My husband is a few years younger, and very co-dependent. Before he dated me, he had never had a girlfriend or a sexual encounter. I came into the relationship with a child and some trust/fear issues because my ex had abused me.

My husband has now become verbally, sexually and to a lesser degree, physically abusive, to the point of striking my 5-year-old son. I threw him out for that, but caved to pressure from my family to take him back. They think he's a "stabilizing" influence in my life. They don't know about, or can't grasp, his abuse or the abuse I survived previously. If I hint at it, they accuse me of "lying for attention."

My husband has left for basic training with the army and will be gone for a few months. I already feel freer, lighter and more able to cope with things. If I leave him while he's away, the social and family repercussions will be devastating. My son and I may be forced to relocate.

I'm torn and afraid. I went through with the marriage only to please my family, as the abuse started before the wedding. It has been a year and a half, and all I can think about is getting out. Help me, please.

CANADIAN READER

DEAR READER: Of course I will help. Deciding to leave an abusive partner can be wrenching as well as frightening. However, because abuse tends to escalate, it is what you MUST do. Your and your child's safety could depend on it. It is shameful that your family isn't supportive, but don't let that stop you. Relocate if you must.

You need to form an escape plan. The way to do that is to call the National Domestic Violence Hotline. The phone number is 800-799-7233. Counselors there can refer you to help in your area—they have done this for other Canadian women. They also offer education and empowerment programs so that victims will be less likely to be sweet-talked by their abusers into returning for more punishment.

Don't wait to reach out because your son's physical and emotional health depend on it. If not for yourself, do it for him.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a friend who lives a few states away. We talk on the phone every week. Either she calls me or I call her. Every time she calls me, it's when she is driving somewhere. As soon as she arrives at her destination or pulls up in her driveway, she says, "I'm home (here) now. Gotta go!" and hangs up.

This has been going on for years. I stay on the phone all the time she rambles on and never cut her short. It's really starting to get to me. What should I do?

FUMING IN FLORIDA

DEAR FUMING: If this has been happening "for years" and you are just now writing me about it, I'd call that one slow burn. Pick up the phone, call your friend and tell her exactly how you feel about it. If you don't, she'll continue doing what she has been doing because she thinks it's all right with you.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

I SIGNED UP TO PLAY BASEBALL EVERY RECESS, AND I DONT EVEN LIKE BASEBALL THAT MUCH.
I MEAN, IT'S FUN PLAYING BASEBALL WITH JUST YOU, BECAUSE WE BOTH GET TO PITCH, BAT, RUN AND CATCH ALL AT ONCE. WE GET TO DO EVERYTHING.
MOSTLY WE JUST ARGUE OVER THE RULES WE MAKE UP! THAT'S THE PART I LIKE!
BUT THIS WILL BE WITH TEAMS AND ASSIGNED POSITIONS AND AN UMPIRE! IT'S BORING PLAYING IT THE REAL WAY!
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO PLAY THE REAL WAY?
SEE, THAT'S ANOTHER PROBLEM! SUPPOSE THEY MAKE ME A HALF BACK. CAN I TACKLE THE SHORTSTOP OR NOT?

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

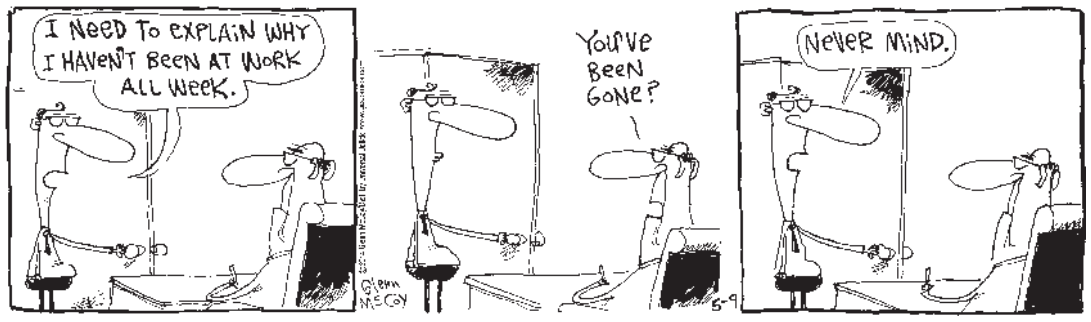
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

HOW DO YOU LIKE KATY'S "PONIES OF FIRE" COMIC?
IT SEEMS A LITTLE HOSTILE TOWARDS ME. DOESN'T IT?
I DON'T GET IT. I'M A GOOD BROTHER, AREN'T I?
OF COURSE YOU ARE. SHE'S JUST MESSING WITH YOU. IT'S ALL IN FUN.
ALTHOUGH THAT PART WHERE THE PONIES SHORT-SHEET YOUR BED SEEMS KIND OF PERSONAL.
YEAH... I EARNED THAT ONE.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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20 Sportscaster Albert
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35 Trial VIPs
37 With 56-Across, daughter's hubby
38 Celebrity
39 Butter serving
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45 Bulgaria's capital
47 "Evita" role
48 Trial VIP
52 Mischief
53 Conversation starter
54 1970s radical grp.
55 Mess up
56 See 37-Across
57 That girl
58 Genetic evidence

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2 Bakery lure
3 Barbershop prop
4 Fellows
5 Votes in
6 A man — words
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10 Sun Yat- —
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17 Carbon compound
21 Cap feature
23 Posh
24 Popeye's Olive
25 Doctor's due
26 Take a whack at
28 Aachen article
30 Fuss
31 Sleepwear, for short
32 Chic no more
33 Savings-plan acronym
36 Dalmatian's name, often
37 Repress
40 — out of water
42 Needed liniment
43 Rose protector
44 Striped equine
45 Winter forecast
46 Somewhere out there
48 Greek consonant
49 Broadway's Cariou
50 The whole thing
51 Waterfront org.

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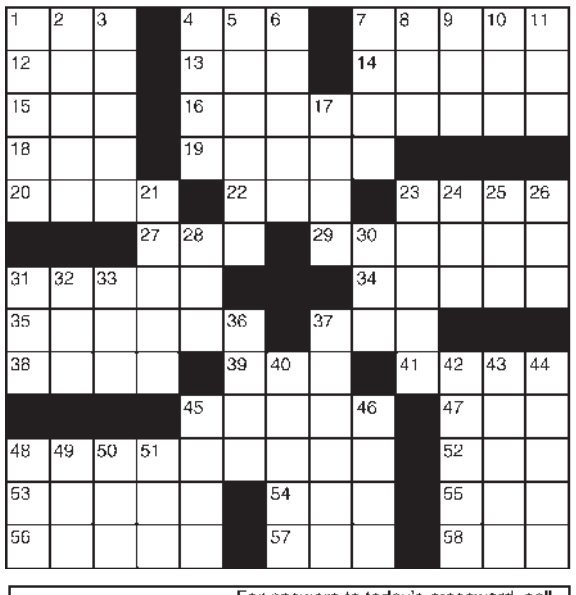

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Happy Birthday: Be happy and spread joy, and you will get plenty in return. An intellectual approach to life and your future goals will bring you added knowledge, new connections and greater success. Reach out to friends, relatives and neighbors. Embrace your community and make an effort to bring about changes that will improve your world. Avoid impulsiveness—time is on your side. Your numbers are 9, 16, 20, 26, 31, 27, 46.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Get work and personal responsibilities out of the way. Your speed and accuracy will make an impression and leave you in a good mood to enjoy a little fun and relaxation with friends and family. Self-improvement is advised. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Venture out and socialize with people you can learn from. Gather information in preparation to complete a task or project. Put time aside to show love and appreciation for someone you care about. A kind gesture will bring happiness. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Offering your services or lending a friend or colleague a helping hand will lead to greater opportunities. A change in the way you approach someone or something will be successful. A personal improvement will boost your confidence. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): A new hobby or project will bring you in contact with someone who shares your interests. Don't let it disrupt your plans if someone has a change of heart or bales out of an agreement or engagement at the last minute. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Put your ducks in a row and get your priorities straight. Make a to-do list and get moving. You'll want to get as much out of the way as possible to enjoy spending time with someone special. Romance will lead to happiness. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Be ready, stay steady and focus on what needs to be done. Don't let emotional issues creep into your life, deterring you from getting things done and enjoying the people you love to spend time with. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Size up whatever situation you face and call it as you see it. Don't let anyone bamboozle you into agreeing with something that doesn't sit right with you. Embrace change and look ahead with optimism. Live, love and laugh. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Explore new places and meet interesting people. The ideas you come up with from the experience you encounter will help you make monumental alterations to the way you live. Participate and you will make a difference. ✪✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Put your heart into home and family. Having fun with the ones you love and planning special activities that are playful, challenging and engaging should be your intent. Love is on the rise and nighttime romance looks promising. ✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Watch your step. You may be eager to get things done or to go places, but caution is suggested. Minor mishaps, disagreements and problems with partners can be expected if you are too demanding or intent on getting your way. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Take care of your needs. Get back to basics and schedule a pampering session. Get together with old friends and reminisce. Sharing thoughts, ideas and plans will lead to good decisions and a push to get exciting new projects underway. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You will face good fortune with regard to investments, your home and domestic concerns. Get everything in order to help stabilize your life. Expand your interests and socialize with the people you enjoy being with the most. ✪✪✪

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Hibbert leads Pacers past Wizards in Game 2, 86-82

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Big Roy came up with a big answer for his critics and his teammates Wednesday night.

He played like an All-Star when the Pacers really needed it.

After 48 hours of questions and criticism, Roy Hibbert scored a season-high 28 points, grabbed nine rebounds, blocked two shots and altered a handful of others to help the Pacers get even in the Eastern Conference semifinals with an 86-82 victory over Washington.

Hibbert sounded more relieved than redeemed.

"David (West) always talks to me about being the person that rescues yourself when you're in the middle of the ocean," Hibbert said after Indiana tied the best-of-seven series at 1-1. "There's nobody who can throw a lifesaver or a rope out to help you. So I had to do it myself."

The next step is proving he can play this way again Friday when Washington hosts Game 3.

Hibbert went into Wednesday with a combined total of 37 points and 24 rebounds in Indiana's first eight playoff games. Twice in the previous four he failed to score a point or grab a rebound.

Beleaguered Pacers fans wanted Hibbert benched. Frustrated teammates talked publicly and privately about needing more from their 7-foot-2 center. Critics turned Hibbert into the butt of jokes and on the Internet, some even tried to explain Hibbert's incredible disappearing act with unseemly speculation.

After talking to his old college coach, John Thompson III, and Colts linebacker Robert Mathis, a close friend, Hibbert blocked out the inescapable firestorm, focused on basketball and fueled the decisive 6-0 run late in the fourth quarter.

It was enough to put repeated smiles on Hibbert's face, even if he considers it only a start.

"I just want to string a few games together," he said. "Consistency hasn't been my biggest friend this year. I'm going to try to continue to play aggressive and I'm going to try to control the things I can control. I can't control play calls, but I can control how hard I play, how fast I run down the court and how well I play defense."

George Hill finished with 14 points, Paul George had 11 points, six rebounds and four assists, and Lance Stephenson added 12 points, seven rebounds and five assists. And for the first time this postseason, the Pacers held an opponent to fewer than nine 3-pointers. Washington finished 5 of 21 from behind the arc, the lowest percentage (23.8) in the playoffs this year.

Much of the credit went to Hibbert, who helped open up the offensive lanes for his teammates and protected the rim well enough that Indiana could spread out and defend the perimeter.

"He's got our attention now," Drew Gooden said. "We've got to be focused on guarding the Roy Hibbert we know."

It was a lost opportunity for the Wizards, who had won their first four playoff games on the road—three at Chicago and Monday night at Indy—and could have gone home with a commanding 2-0 lead.

They had chances.

Washington led by as much as six early in the third quarter and rallied in the fourth to take a 77-74 lead with 5:01 to go before Hibbert and George scored six straight to give the Pacers the lead for good.

Marcin Gortat finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds. Bradley Beal had 17 points and Nene added 14.

"He came out with a lot of intensity and established position," Beal said. "We didn't play our best game. We didn't shoot the ball and we didn't defend like we know we're capable."

But Hibbert changed this game almost by himself.

He scored the first five points of the game, an indication that things were going to be different, and he came up big late, too.

Hibbert's nifty stop-and-go layup got the Pacers within 77-76. That basket ignited the decisive 6-0 spurt. George's steal on the ensuing possession led to a layup from Hill that gave Indiana a 78-77 lead, and Hibbert's presence in the middle allowed George to find a lane for a two-handed dunk that made it 80-77.

All the Wizards could muster after that was an alley-oop layup from Gortat and a long 3-pointer from Beal that got the Wizards within 84-82 with 11 seconds to play.

West made two free throws and Hibbert sealed it by grabbing the last rebound of the game.

AP

Indiana Pacers' Paul George dunks during the second half of game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinal NBA basketball playoff series against the Washington Wizards, Wednesday, May 7, 2014, in Indianapolis.

"He carried us tonight," West said. "I thought he was very relaxed before the game. He was relaxed this morning. He didn't say a whole lot, but as a professional, I think everything just came down on him and he responded the right way."

Thunder 112, Clippers 101

In Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant stood before his adoring home crowd, proudly holding his MVP trophy above his head during a pregame ceremony.

He spent the next few hours showing how he earned it.

Durant had 32 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Los Angeles Clippers 112-101 on Wednesday night to tie their Western Conference semifinal series at one game apiece.

"We wanted to come back and respond," Durant said. "So, I think that's what fueled the team tonight. We just went out there and played extremely well and left it all out there, and came out with a good `W.'"

During his emotional MVP acceptance speech on Tuesday, Durant called teammate Russell Westbrook an MVP-caliber player. Westbrook backed up Durant's words with 31 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists for his third triple-double in his past five playoff games.

"I think Russ played harder than all of us combined," Clippers guard Chris Paul said. "He was all over the place."

Thunder coach Scott Brooks took Durant out of the game with 1:21 remaining, costing him a shot at the triple-double. According to information provided to the Thunder by the Elias Sports Bureau, no pair of teammates has had triple-doubles in the same playoff game.

Serge Ibaka and Thabo Sefolosha each scored 14 points for the Thunder, who shot 51 percent from the field and outrebounded the Clippers 52-36.

"It was the perfect storm," Clippers guard Jamal Crawford said. "They did everything they could to win, and they got everything they wanted tonight. That wasn't the Clippers team we've been and I'm sure we'll get back on track."

J.J. Redick scored 18 points, Paul had 17 points and 11 assists, and Blake Griffin added 15 points for the Clippers. Los Angeles made 15 of 29 3-pointers in Game 1, but just 9 of 27 in Game 2.

The Clippers will host Game 3 Friday in Los Angeles.

Durant scored 17 points on 7-for-11 shooting in the first quarter to help the Thunder take a 37-28 lead. Paul, who scored 17 points in the opening quarter of Game 1, went scoreless in the first quarter of Game 2 and watched most of the period from the bench with two fouls as the Thunder took control early.

Oklahoma City got an offensive boost from an unlikely source in the third quarter - Sefolosha, a defensive stopper. He hit a mid-range jumper, then dunked after a steal by Westbrook to give the Thunder a 78-66 lead. Sefolosha dunked again, then got a steal that led to a 3-pointer by Westbrook and gave Oklahoma City a 90-73 advantage.

Sefolosha, who had averaged just 3.7 points in the playoffs, scored 12 points in the quarter to help the Thunder take a 94-77 lead into the fourth. Clippers coach Doc Rivers said he expected Durant and Westbrook to score, but not Sefolosha.

"We can win if they (Durant and Westbrook) both have good offensive games," Rivers said. "What we can't do is then give them that plus everything else. And I thought that's what happened tonight."

Westbrook clinched his triple-double with 1:21 remaining when he was credited with an assist after a pass to Sefolosha, who took two dribbles on his drive to the basket.

Rivers said the Thunder were the aggressors.

Spurs' Buford named Executive of Year

In a franchise that has no time for spotlights, with a roster that has no interest in headlines, R.C. Buford may be the very embodiment of the all-for-one San Antonio Spurs.

For more than two decades he has toiled in the shadows, happy to let the attention fall on coach Gregg Popovich and the team that Buford has played such a pivotal role in assembling. He quietly—happily—lives in the back channels and has built a reputation as one of the most respected executives in the NBA.

Yet for all his impressive work over the previous 11 years as a general manager and architect of the most enduring success story in modern American sports, Buford had never been honored by his peers as the league's executive of the year. Until now.

Buford won the award Wednesday, and as is the custom in the Alamo City, did as much as he could to downplay his significant contributions to a team that posted the best record in the NBA.

"I think it's not why we do what we do," Buford said. "I think it's a great honor for the group of people that have been here and have been through here that have built and an ownership group that's allowed a continuity to build a program that we're proud of so to be recognized as a program that people respect by your peers, that's rewarding."

That Buford had never won the award before while helping to put together a team that won four championships and has posted a staggering 15 straight 50-win seasons has been one of the great mysteries in league annals. He's helped put the Spurs at the forefront of the international invasion, implemented a system that demands commitment and humility over recognition and individual achievement, and has been partly responsible for so many teams pilfering his staff to run front offices or teams across the league.

Yet he may have finally earned the award in his 12th season as GM because of what he didn't do.

In the wake of a devastating loss to Miami in the NBA Finals last season, Buford didn't panic. He didn't give up on an aging Manu Ginobili. He didn't let Tiago Splitter get lured away by big money elsewhere.

He followed the Spurs' creed: Stay the course. Believe in the system. Never give in to outside influence.

While other teams chased huge stars and made big splashes, Buford quietly re-signed Ginobili and Splitter and added second-tier free agent Marco Belinelli. The moves weren't flashy, but were exactly what the Spurs, who enter Game 2 of the Western Conference semifinals on Friday night leading Portland 1-0, needed to recover from that bitter defeat.

"It's pretty cool," Popovich said. "We're all excited for him; long overdue. He's done a great job for a very long time. We're giving him the requisite amount of you-know-what all over the offices. He walks down the halls we hit the walls we hit the sides to make room for him."

Buford received nine first-place votes and 58 total points to win the award. Phoenix's Ryan McDonough (47) finished second for his superb job in turning the Suns from an afterthought into a 48-win team that just missed the playoffs. ***(AP)***

Wainwright, Cardinals breeze past Braves, 7-1

ATLANTA (AP)—Adam Wainwright pitched eight strong innings, Matt Holliday drove in three runs and Peter Bourjos homered to lead the St. Louis Cardinals past the Atlanta Braves 7-1 on Wednesday.

Wainwright (6-2) helped himself, leading off the third with a double and coming around to score. Holliday broke it open with a two-out, two-run single in the fourth.

Marlins 1, Mets 0

In Miami, Marcell Ozuna hit a sacrifice fly with one out in the ninth inning as the Miami Marlins completed a three-game sweep of the New York Mets.

Miami's Tom Koehler gave up two hits in eight innings. Steve Cishek (3-1) pitched a perfect ninth.

The Marlins went 8-1 on their homestand, a franchise record for a nine-game stay. The Mets have lost six of seven.

Pirates 4, Giants 3

In Pittsburgh, Gerrit Cole won for the first time in nearly a month as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat San Francisco.

Cole (3-2) outpitched Tim Lincecum (2-2) for the second time in his 11-month major league career, allowing three runs and seven hits in eight innings with seven strikeouts and a walk.

Fill-in closer Mark Melancon worked a perfect ninth for his second save in three chances.

Nationals 3, Dodgers 2

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg recovered from another rough first inning to pitch into the eighth and Wilson Ramos produced a go-ahead sacrifice fly in his first game since opening day as the Washington Nationals edged the Los Angeles Dodgers.

After waiting through a rain delay of more than 1½ hours to throw his first pitch, Strasburg (3-2) did what he's done all season: struggled to get the first three outs, then been fairly dominant. This time, he gave up four consecutive singles, including run-scoring hits by Adrian Gonzalez and Yasiel Puig, during a 28-pitch first as Los Angeles went ahead 2-0.

Diamondbacks 3, Brewers 2

In Milwaukee, Paul Goldschmidt hit a two-run homer for the second straight game to back Bronson Arroyo and lead the Arizona Diamondbacks over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Goldschmidt hit his seventh homer after Martin Prado led off the third with a single. Goldschmidt went 7 for 15 in a three-game-series.

Arizona took two of three from the team that began the day an NL-best 22-12.

Royals 8, Padres 0

In San Diego, James Shields scattered seven hits over seven innings and Eric Hosmer drove in a season-high four runs as the Kansas City Royals beat the San Diego Padres.

The Royals scored three times in the first and that was plenty for Shields (4-3). He struck out four, walked two and threw 118 pitches.

Tigers 3, Astros 2

In Detroit, Miguel Cabrera hit a two-run homer and the Detroit Tigers won their eighth straight game, beating the Houston Astros.

The Astros lost its fifth in a row.

Cabrera connected in the first inning. A day earlier, he homered in a four-hit, four-RBI performance. Victor Martinez homered, extending his hitting streak to 10 games for the three-time defending AL Central champions.

Rockies 9, Rangers 2

In Arlington, Texas, Nolan Arenado had three hits to extend his hitting streak to 27 games, matching Colorado's team record, and the Rockies had their third lopsided victory over Texas in as many nights.

Arenado's two-run double in the first inning put the Rockies ahead to stay and equaled teammate Michael Cuddyer's record streak from last season.

Orioles 4, Rays 3

In St. Petersburg, Fla., Adam Jones hit a pair of solo homers and Jonathan Schoop launched a tiebreaking, two-run shot that sent the Baltimore Orioles over the Tampa Bay Rays.

Schoop's drive in the seventh inning off Brandon Gomes (2-2) put the Orioles ahead 4-2.

Jones hit leadoff homers in both the second and fourth off Cesar Ramos. It was his fourth multihomer game.

Indians 4, Twins 3

In Cleveland, Mike Aviles' two-out single in the ninth inning lifted the Cleveland Indians over the Minnesota Twins.

Asdrubal Cabrera led off the inning with a double against Casey Fien (3-1).

After Lonnie Chisenhall's sacrifice bunt, Yan Gomes grounded out. Aviles hit a hard grounder into center field for Cleveland's first walk-off win of the season — the Indians had 11 walk-off wins last season.

Red Sox 4, Reds 3

In Boston, Will Middlebrooks hit an RBI single with the bases loaded, capping a two-run rally in the eighth inning that sent the Boston Red Sox over Cincinnati Reds for a sweep of the two-game interleague series.

David Ortiz and Mike Napoli also drove in runs for the World Series champion Red Sox, who reached .500 for the first time since the fourth game of the season.

Blue Jays 10, Phillies 0

In Toronto, Mark Buehrle became the first six-game winner in the majors, Edwin Encarnacion hit a three-run homer and the Toronto Blue Jays beat Philadelphia for the seventh straight time.

Erik Kratz and Juan Francisco both hit two-run homers for the Blue Jays, who blew open a pitcher's duel between Buehrle and Cliff Lee (3-3) with a nine-run, 12-batter seventh inning.

Mariners 6, Athletics 4, 1st game
Athletics 2, Mariners 0, 2nd game

In Oakland, Calif., fill-in starter Drew Pomeranz pitched five scoreless innings for his second win in his past 20 starts and the Oakland Athletics salvaged a split of a doubleheader by beating Seattle.

In the opener, the Mariners overcame a shaky start from ace Felix Hernandez to win on Justin Smoak's two-out single in the 10th inning.

Yoenis Cespedes homered as the A's snap a six-game home losing streak.

In the first game, Yoervis Medina (2-1) stranded two runners in the ninth for the win, and Fernando Rodney pitched the 10th for his ninth save in 10 chances. Ryan Cook (0-1) took the loss.

Yankees 9, Angels 2

In Anaheim, Calif., Derek Jeter ended a home run drought of 161 at-bats in his final regular-season game against the Angels, and the Yankees kept Hector Santiago winless.

Vidal Nuno (1-0) allowed a run and four hits in 6 1-3 innings, struck out three and retired 14 of his last 15 batters. The left-hander's only other victory in seven big league starts was May 13 of last season, when he pitched five scoreless innings of three-hit ball at Cleveland in a 7-0 decision.

White Sox 8, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Gordon Beckham homered for the second straight night and Paul Konerko had a big three-run double, leading the White Sox to a victory over the sliding Cubs.

Jose Abreu collected three more hits as the White Sox roughed up Travis Wood on their way to their fourth straight win, extending their season-best streak. The rookie slugger doubled twice to run his major league-best total to 24 extra-base hits.

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NFL draft prospects consider life in the big time

NEW YORK (AP)—Wearing diamond studs and pressing a cellphone to his ear, Missouri defensive end Kony Ealy saunters into a gift suite, compliments of Diddy, and closes his eyes as he slides into a barber chair for a trim.

He's looking serious and busy like the pro he may soon be when the NFL draft is over.

Ealy, the swag swirling around him, from luggage to Ciroc, is among dozens of prospects on the verge of big time, hopefully leaving old lives behind and heading to the circus of media, big money and a shot at stardom.

The NFL's annual draft begins Thursday night at Radio City Music Hall. Ealy is projected to go late in the first round. Does he worry about where he'll land, considering he never left his home state for college?

"Don't matter, `cause now it's a business. You have to treat it like a business," the straight-faced Ealy said Tuesday between his visit to the Old Spice grooming station and a round of interviews at Diddy's Sean John headquarters, just a few blocks from where the draft will be held and one of his many stops during a crazy week of appearances.

Ealy wasn't much interested in the gift tables, and he shrugged off the pressure.

"I'm handling it like I've been there before and that's what I'll keep doing. That's something my high school coach told me and I never forgot it," he said.

Fellow draft prospect Sammy Watkins, a wide receiver from Clemson, picked up a Hawaiian shirt and a leather bracelet, his Beats headphones on his head as he prepared for another jump outside his comfort zone.

AP

This May 6, 2014 photo shows NFL Draft prospect Kony Ealy, a defensive end from Missouri, getting a haircut during the 5th Annual NFL Pre-Draft Gifting & Style Suite at the Sean John showroom in New York.

The Florida boy gave up offers from three schools there to head for college in South Carolina, so unlike Ealy, he already knows what it feels like to live far from family and old friends.

Watkins' head was spinning. This is his first trip to New York City. He had just stepped off the plane and went straight into a few days of crazy, touring the 9/11 Memorial Site, handling phone calls and waiting on his family to arrive.

"I'm gonna have some fun," he laughed. "I'm gonna go out a little bit with the fam. We're gonna party it up."

And the first thing he'll buy if a big contract comes his way? "I gotta get my mom whatever she wants," he said. "Whatever she needs."

Watkins has a good idea how his life would change, on and off the field, if he makes the pros. At college, he said, there was always a party: "We lived it up. I'll miss the team the most. My brothers."

In the NFL, "You've got to push yourself. The game is quicker, faster. Some of these guys have families, kids and just want to do the job. I'm ready for that," he said.

Ealy's already a little bit Hollywood in long leather pockets on his sweats and a matching leather zip shirt.

But, like Watkins, his dreams haven't changed that much since he played ball in high school. He wants to help his dad make ends meet back in the St. Louis area.

Growing up playing both basketball and football, he can feel his big moment: "Being able to provide for my family, you know what I'm sayin'? That was the dream then and that's it now."

Morgan Moses, an offensive tackle at Virginia, may also go late in the first round. He, too, had never been to New York and has never lived away from his home state. He had one foot in the Sean John green room, scooping up a few gift bags, and another back on campus.

"You know, it's crazy. I'm finishing up with school and I'm here, but I'm working on my last 20-page paper," he smiled.

Moses, at 6-6 and more than 300 pounds, plans to rely on his years at Fork Union Military Academy back home in Virginia to navigate the pros. It's where he straightened himself out after a rough patch in high school.

"There were uniforms and everything," he said. "I had to cut the dreads off, but it was that discipline, you know? There were a lot of obstacles coming forward. You just want to be the next big thing growing up and it's time to be here and to be that."

He wasn't sweating bad money management, faux friends turning up for free tickets and jerseys or any of the other things the league's family engagement program warned about at a breakfast for the relatives of draft prospects, held at the same time some of the players sat down to breakfast with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.

"The first thing I'm going to buy? I'm pretty frugal with my money so probably a home to live in. I'm going to let everything else take care of itself," Moses said.

Calvin Pryor, a free safety out of Louisville, had a balancing act on his mind: How could he keep trusted friends and, with any luck, manage a high-profile career? He plans to carry this philosophy into the pros:

"People change," Pryor explained. "It's not you."

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Cepeda reached home at the top of the fourth off a passed ball.

The Fielders, who went 1-2-3 in the first three innings against Brewers starting pitcher Lenny Sablan, finally hit their target at the bottom of the fourth with J.P. Lizama's single driving Zack Flores home. Sablan continued to pitch for the Brewers in the fifth, giving up one more earned run and the Fielders bagged two runs off the defending champions' miscues to move within two, 4-6.

Flores also scored the Fielders' run in the fifth inning off Vince Sablan's single and after the Brewers were threatened, manager Tony Rogolifoi called in veteran Roy Celis to relieve Lenny Sablan. Celis started out his shift with two base on balls and one strike before Aaron Benavente made contact with the ball, but was called for a fly out at centerfield to end the inning.

Celis went on to close out the game for the Brewers and allowed only one hit, while stranding four runners and striking three. He drew help from the Brewers outfielders in shutting down the Fielders in the last four innings. The Fielders were called for five fly outs in the last four frames with Brewers catcher Manny Sablan getting the last fly off a foul ball from Flores to end the game and hand the defending champions the second and last finals berth.

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Kaga, last year's seventh finisher, prevailed in the round-robin tournament after beating Susan Sablan, 6-3, 3-6 6-2, and Jireh Warren, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. Warren took the runner-up honors after a 7-6 (7-3), 6-1 win over Sablan.

Completing the tournament's singles winners were Luther Lizama and Isabel Heras, who reigned supreme in the U14 division. Lizama bagged the championship coasting past Tudela in the finals, 6-0, 6-1, while Heras eked out a 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 title win over top-ranked Tania Tan.

Meanwhile, the three doubles events were also completed last weekend with Sean Lee and Aditya Rai, Choi and Sakano, and Tudela and Tony Kim topping their respective divisions.

Lee and Rai nailed the boys U12 crown after defeating Daniel Kang and Woo, 3-6, 6-2, 10-5, and Eugene and Eu Bin Park, 6-4, 6-1. Kang and Woo finished second after winning over the Park brothers, 6-1, 7-6 (7-3).

In the co-ed U18 doubles, Sakano and Choi gained the division title after working out a 7-5, 4-6, 10-4 win over Jake Lee and Thea Minor, while in the boys U14 doubles, Tony Kim and Tudela won over Schorr and Steve Goodwin, 6-2, 6-3, and Haruya Eda and Song, 6-2, 6-3.

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20th minute and scored anew five minutes later. Tan Holdings had its only goal also in the first half with Christine Aninzo escaping from her defenders for a shot in the 35th minute.

In the last match of the night, Shirley's topped Independents FC, 3-1. Shirley's got the three goals from different players with Angie Ito drawing first blood, lighting up the scoreboard in the 11th minute. Five minutes later, it was Negahr Rastguiy's turn to give Shirley's a goal and the team closed out the half with a 2-0 advantage. Alexa Vergara then made it a 3-0 lead with her goal early in the second half, while Independents FC avoided a shutout, thanks to Sarah Allen's shot in the 59th minute.

M-League returns to action

Meanwhile, M-League games resumed last Sunday after last week's matches wave rained-out.

Wild Bill's and Tan Holdings FC dueled in the first match and settled for a 1-1 draw. Jack Thoensaket put Wild Bill's on the board in the 70th minute, but could not lift the team to the win, as Joe Miller came out with the equalizer seven minutes before the match wrapped up.

The second game between Kanoa FC and Paire FC also ended in a draw (0-0), while MP United and the Thundercats gained separate wins in the last two tiffs. Zhi Peng Lin scored right into the last minute of the match to power MP United to the close win against Matansa, while the Thundercats routed the CNMI Women's National Team, 6-1. Timothy Tawanpiy had four goals for the Thundercats, making the team's first three goals. He recorded goals in the 29th, 43rd, and 65th, before bagging his fourth in the 80th. Don Cabrera and Jeremy Lee logged the two other goals for the Thundercats and they both came in the second and final frame.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	17	14	.548	–
New York	18	15	.545	–
Boston	17	17	.500	1½
Toronto	17	17	.500	1½
Tampa Bay	15	19	.441	3½

Central Division

Detroit	20	9	.690	–
Chicago	18	17	.514	5
Kansas City	16	17	.485	6
Minnesota	15	17	.469	6½
Cleveland	15	19	.441	7½

West Division

Oakland	20	15	.571	–
Seattle	17	16	.515	2
Texas	17	17	.500	2½
Los Angeles	16	17	.485	3
Houston	10	24	.294	9½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Miami	19	15	.559	–
Washington	19	15	.559	–
Atlanta	18	15	.545	½
New York	16	17	.485	2½
Philadelphia	15	17	.469	3

Central Division

Milwaukee	22	13	.629	–
St. Louis	18	17	.514	4
Cincinnati	15	18	.455	6
Pittsburgh	14	20	.412	7½
Chicago	11	21	.344	9½

West Division

San Francisco	21	13	.618	–
Colorado	22	14	.611	–
Los Angeles	19	16	.543	2½
San Diego	15	20	.429	6½
Arizona	13	24	.351	9½

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Blue Haus recovers; JP World stays on top

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Blue Haus and JP World kept the Top 2 spots in the 2014 QQ Rent A Car Invitational Basketball League after prevailing against separate opponents last Wednesday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Blue Haus defeated High-Five in the first game, 72-64, to return to the win column after its four-game winning streak was snapped by Toka last week (77-83). In the second game, JP World outlasted the Rebels, 70-66, to gain its fourth straight victory and remain on top of the eight-team field. With JP World (6-1) and Blue Haus (5-1) occupying the Top 2 spots in the team standings, they remained in contention for the pennant. They are ahead of Toka (4-1), Island Manpower (3-3), Rollers (1-2), High-Five (1-5), Hoopaholics (1-5), and the Rebels (0-4).

JP World denied the Rebels entry to the win column after outgunning the latter in the second period and protecting the lead in the second half. With the match tied at 15-all, after the first 10 minutes of play, JP World picked up its scoring in the second canto, recording 24 points, while the Rebels had another 15-point output. Five players canned at least two field goals apiece for JP World to give their team a 39-30 edge in the first half.

Then at the start of the second half, both teams scored 15 points, leaving JP World with the single-digit advantage, entering the final canto. The Rebels then tried mounting a late comeback behind the back-to-back triples of Trevor Ogumoro and Ben Lisua, but Freddie Pelisamen was there to save the day for JP World. Pelisamen nailed 8 of JP World's last 10 points to thwart the Rebels' comeback bid.

In the first game, Blue Haus was in control of its match against High-Five in all four quarters. Elmer Esdrelon dropped 6 of his 8 points in the first frame to put Blue Haus on top, 20-14. Then in the second half, Ivan Devero started out Blue Haus' offense, drilling the team's first 6 markers, while Lerio Pagarao finished what the former started, posting the defending champion's last 7 points for their 37-28 halftime advantage.

With its guards doing the work in the first half, it was the turn of Blue Haus' frontliners—Bart Demapan, Edwin Santos, and Marlon De Dios—to step up and the trio combined for 11 points in the third to help the team keep the upper hand, 50-47. Holding a precarious 3-point lead, Blue Haus then banked on a balance offense in the fourth to fend off High-Five en route to the 8-point victory.

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Blue Haus' Ivan Devero pulls up for an acrobatic shot against Toka's Jack Lizama during their game in the QQ caging last week at the Garapan Basketball Court. Blue Haus lost, 77-83, but bounced back with a 72-64 victory over High-Five.

First Game

Blue Haus 72 – Pagarao 11, Demapan 9, Galarse 9, Esdrelon 8, De Dios 8, Devero 8, Barbo 7, Santos 6, Guiab 4.

High-Five 64 – Brennan 21, McCain 11, Peters 9, Coldeen 6, Park 4, Pangelinan 3, Acosta 2, Aughenbaugh 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-14, 37-28, 50-47, 72-64.

Second Game

JP World 70 – Pelisamen 15, Ruluked 12, J. Estolas 8, Camacho 7, Sharry 4, Olaitiman 4, Paraiso 4, Jones 4, D. Estolas 4, Peredo 2.

Rebels 66 – Teregeyo 13, Ogumoro 11, Babauta 10, Norita 10, Lisua 5, Litulumar 4, Chen 4, Manglona 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-15, 39-30, 54-45, 70-66.

Mersai bounces back, takes May honors

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Kathy Mersai regained her winning form after ruling the Saipan Bowling Association's Budweiser Queen of the Lanes Tournament for May at the Saipan Bowling Center.

Mersai, who prevailed in the first three monthly tournaments before settling for third place in the April roll-offs, posted the Top 2 best scores in this month's competition to notch her fourth victory of the season. She led in Day 1 of the contest, collecting 678 (181,175, 130, and 192) pinfalls last Sunday. The four-time winner then played again last Monday and recorded 661 pinfalls (152, 178, 137, and 194). Bowlers are allowed to compete on both days of the tournament, but only the higher score is counted.

With only Mersai's Day 1 score considered for the ranking, Gloria Omechelang took the runner-up finish, while Yho Villavicencio rounded out the Top 3. Omechelang participated in both days of the tournament and her Day 2 total (654 pinfalls/150, 154, 165, and 185) put her in the No. 2 spot. Villavicencio only joined the Monday roll-off and carded 642 pinfalls (152, 180, 165, and 145) to grab the podium finish from Diana Chong, who tallied 631 pinfalls (186, 147, 164, and 134).

Other participants in the women's roll-offs were Elena Soll (624), Lala Taitano (624), Tess Fabie (621), Ron Cal (602), and Gigi Zapanta (587).

Meanwhile, Paul Pangilinan duplicated her daughter's first place victory after winning in the King of the Lanes against 18 other bowlers.

Pangelinan joined only the final day of the competition and gathered 805 pinfalls to slip past Day 1 leader Robert Talavera (803). Mersai's father played solid in the first two games with her 210 and 212 pinfalls before closing out with 190 and 193 in the last two games to deny Talavera's bid for a fourth win this season. Talavera, who posted 218, 192, 194, and 199 in the opener, ruled the first three monthly competitions before bowing to Ronald Batac in the April event.

Joining Talavera and Pangelinan in the Top 3 was Percy Omechelang, who earned 796 pinfalls (188, 182, 203 and 224). Raymond Zapanta (780) came in at fourth and was followed by Ador Dimaano (766), Raymond Angeles (744), Batac (735), Jae Yong Kim (702), Lito Teodoro (689), John Jimeno (684), Jerry Kaneshi (677, M. J. Aldan (647), Edward Baluyan (613), Ben Aizon (599), Edgar Abalos (587), Tito Corpuz (569), Yong Woon Lee (561), Joe Etpison (556), and Simon Manacop (213).

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May Queen of the Lanes Kathy Mersai is flanked by runners-up Gloria Omechelang, left, and Yho Villavicencio during the awards ceremony for the SBA-Budweiser monthly roll-offs last Monday at the Saipan Bowling Center.

IT&E badminton tourney starts tonight

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The 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament unfurls tonight at the TSL Sports Complex with around 60 players competing in the month-long event.

Leading the list of participants is three-time men's A singles champion Andreau Galvez. He is in Group 1 of the division, joining last year's finalist Ferdie Arago, Macoi Aguda, Gary Bandoja, and Jordan Pangilinan. Group 2 has Glenn Blutjens, Deether Edralin, Ezekiel Macario, and Sam Jones.

In the men's B singles, there are eight entries with Jeff Riman, Edralin Kelvin Young Son and Celso Agui in Group 1 and Edwin Montoya, Joel Ortega, Aries Cordero, and Macario in Group 2. The men's C singles had 12 players and they are divided into four groups. Raphael Zapanta, John Cano, and Marc Mora are in Group 1; Tommy Kim Patrick Fernandez, and Tae Ho Kim are in Group 1; Rick Brien, Sato San, and A.J. Ortega are in Group 3; and Toshi San, Jeremy Montenejo, and Ray Musa are in Group 4.

In the women's singles, three-time champion Hannah Choi will be back to defend her Class A singles title against Lani Bartolome, Alma Ortega, Janelle Pangilinan, and Havika Farro. Class C singles also has one group with Gigi Zapanta, Roxe Lazarom Mykki Caracut, Patricia Abantao, and Nicole Malasarte making up the field.

In the women's B singles, there are two pools with Loida Ito, Elna Curate, Windy Fernandez, Christy Villaflor, and Farron Group 1. Group 1 has Diane Francisco, Merlie Tolentino, Toshiko Obata, Rowena Sison, and Nicole Malasarte.

Meanwhile, in the mixed doubles, Class A and C have 10 pairs each and participants are grouped into two, while Class B has 13 teams and is divided into four pools.

The annual tournament backed by IT&E will have its opening ceremony at 7pm, followed by the official matches. Games in the IT&E competition will be played every weekend for one month.

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Ezekiel Macario makes a return to Jordan Pangilinan during their men's B singles title match in last year's IT&E tournament at the TSL Sports Complex.

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Brewers return to SBL finals

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The GSM Brewers will have a chance to defend their title after notching the second finals berth in the 2014 Saipan Baseball League.

The Brewers swept the Fielders after earning a 7-4 win in Game 2 of their short best-of-three semis series last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. The defending champions, who came off an impressive 9-0 victory over the Fielders in Game 1 last Thursday, will meet the Saipan Stevedore Yankees in the best-of-five title showdown with Game 1 set for tonight at 6:30pm. The Yankees made it to the finals after prevailing in the first two games of their Final Four duel versus the Northern Starz.

In the other semis pairing, the Brewers duplicated the Yankees' feat, as the former got off to a good start in the series-clinching Game 2 and shut out the latter in the last four innings to return to the finals. The Brewers scored four runs at the top of the first off Manny Sablan, Diego Camacho, and Byron Kaipat's RBI singles and a sacrifice fly from Mike Pangelinan and zoomed to a 6-0 run after registering one run each in the third and fourth inning. Sablan hit another RBI single in the third, while pinch runner Vince

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The GSM Brewers' Byron Kaipat, right, and Mike Pangelinan exchange high-fives after the former scored one run at the top of the ninth inning of Game 2 of their semis series against the Fielders in the 2014 Saipan Baseball League last Wednesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

MP United moves up to solo second place

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MP United Football Club notched its third win and climbed up to second place in the team standings in the 2014 NMIFA Women's League after defeating Matansa FC, 3-1, last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Kaylani Lebria, Julien Estopado, and Kayla Ito contributed one goal each for MP United, which improved to a 3-1-1 win-draw-loss record for a second place ranking behind the unbeaten Kanoa FC (5-0-0). Independents FC (3-0-2), Shirley's (2-1-2), Paire (2-0-3), Matansa (2-0-4), and Tan Holdings (0-0-5) round out the team standings.

With Lebria and Estopado's goals in the first half, MP United took the lead and never relinquished it, as Matansa only managed to score one goal off Kelsey Lizama's conversion in the second half.

In the two other matches, Paire and Shirley's FC downed separates foes.

Paire played in the second game and edged Tan Holdings FC, 2-1. Natalie Hill drilled both goals for Paire, as she found the back of the net in the

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MP United's Michelle Masga sneaks in front of a Matansa FC player to intercept a pass during the first half of their game in the NMIFA women's league last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

New champions in CNMI junior tennis

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Tony Kim and four others were crowned new champions in the 2014 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships at the conclusion of make-up matches over the weekend at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

Kim, who finished third last year behind Robbie Schorr and Vincent Tudela, this time topped the boys U12 singles after sweeping Ken Song in the finals last Saturday, 6-3, 6-4. The Kim-Song finale was originally set for last April 27, but all the games in the final week of the annual tournament were cancelled due to heavy rains.

Joining Kim on the list of new winners in Northern Mariana Islands Tennis Association's last tournament for the 2013-2014 season were Moris Villanueva, Rintaro Miyawaki, Eric Tuttle, and Conatsu Kaga. Villanueva pulled off an upset in the boys U18 singles after surviving last year's finalist Tommy Choi in the title match, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. Earlier in the semifinals, Villanueva eliminated 2013 champion Amami Sakano, 6-0, 6-0, while Choi barged into the finals after a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Daniel Park. Sakano settled for third place this year after downing Park in the consolation game, 8-2.

Miyawaki, who placed third last year, made a big leap last weekend after ruling the boys U10 singles. Miyawaki went unbeaten in the round-robin tournament, securing the championship after a 6-2 win over Ji Min Woo (2-1).

In the girls U10 singles, Tuttle, who was ranked sixth in last year's competition, dominated the nine-player field this season, capping her impressive run in the tournament with a 7-6 (7-1) victory over Maria Gregoire. Tuttle advanced to the finals after eliminating top seed Naha Ojima, 7-6 (7-4), while Gregoire took the second finals seat after downing Maaya Sato, 6-3. Ojima won the battle for third place against Sato, 6-3.

In the girls U12 singles,

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Tony Kim, seen here returning to Steven Goodwin and Robbie Schorr in the boys U14 doubles game at the Kanoa Resort tennis courts late last month, won his boys U12 singles finals match against Ken Song last weekend at the Pacific Island Club hard courts. Kim teamed up with Vincent Tudela in the boys U14 doubles.